

1982

RETROSPECT

CENTENNIAL
EDITION

LISA RAMSEYER

Lisa,
Hi you a real
nice girl. I think about
you all the time. We've
been good friends

To a really
sweet and
dear friend.
Friends always.

Tim Ragg

To Lisa
To a really
good friend
always and good
luck with everything
that you do
Friends always

Lisa Wheeler
"Sister
Hope."

Lisa
You're a super neat
person who I really miss!!
being bored with in Accounting!!
Have a fun year (I know we both
will - no doubt) Good luck to
you Raggster
Raggster

Lisa
To a real
nice girl who
will always have
luck in
everyting
Marcy White

to Lisa
a real good
friend I will
always like you
and I hope you
get Johnson's luck!

love
always
Tanya Hill

to Lisa
a real a
nice girl I
wish that you Lisa
will let the crap
out of ~~name~~

We been friends for while

Love always even though we havent
Theresa really been close, it's been
real friends forever,
Hill

Senior
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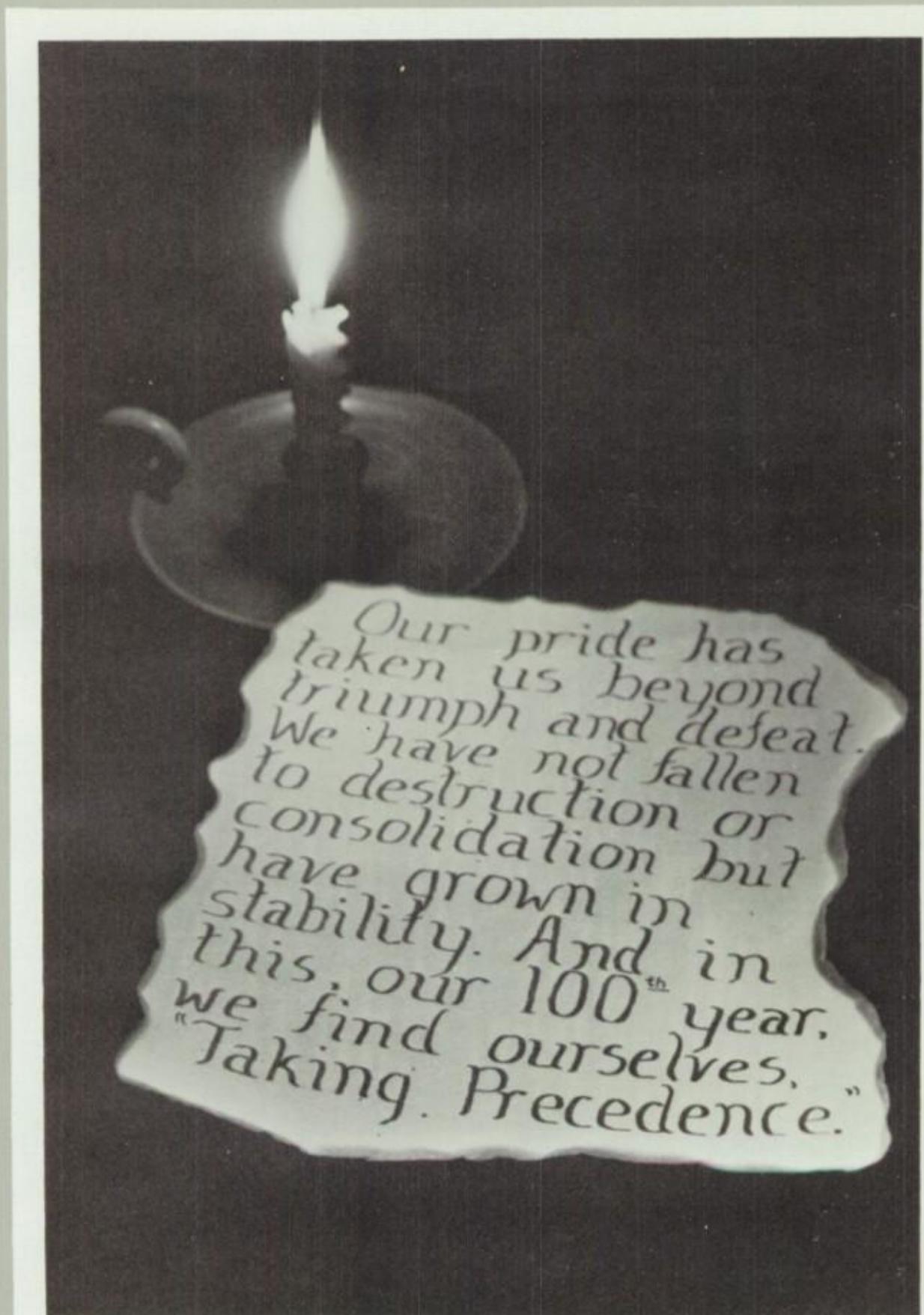
Everett
S. Hoff
Class of
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Sherry Brickey, Becky Baumgartner, and Pam Paxson, a graduate picking up chemistry for nursing school, work on a joint lab. Usually seen in her blue Mustang, Jenny Keahr rounds out the north end of a lap.

Whispering through a helmet is Coach Bowser's means of relaying plays to Mike Parsons.

Roy Stinson decided to do his filing all at one time, the last homeroom of the year.





Our pride has
taken us beyond
triumph and defeat.
We have not fallen
to destruction or
consolidation but
have grown in
stability. And in
this, our 100th year,
we find ourselves,
"Taking. Precedence."

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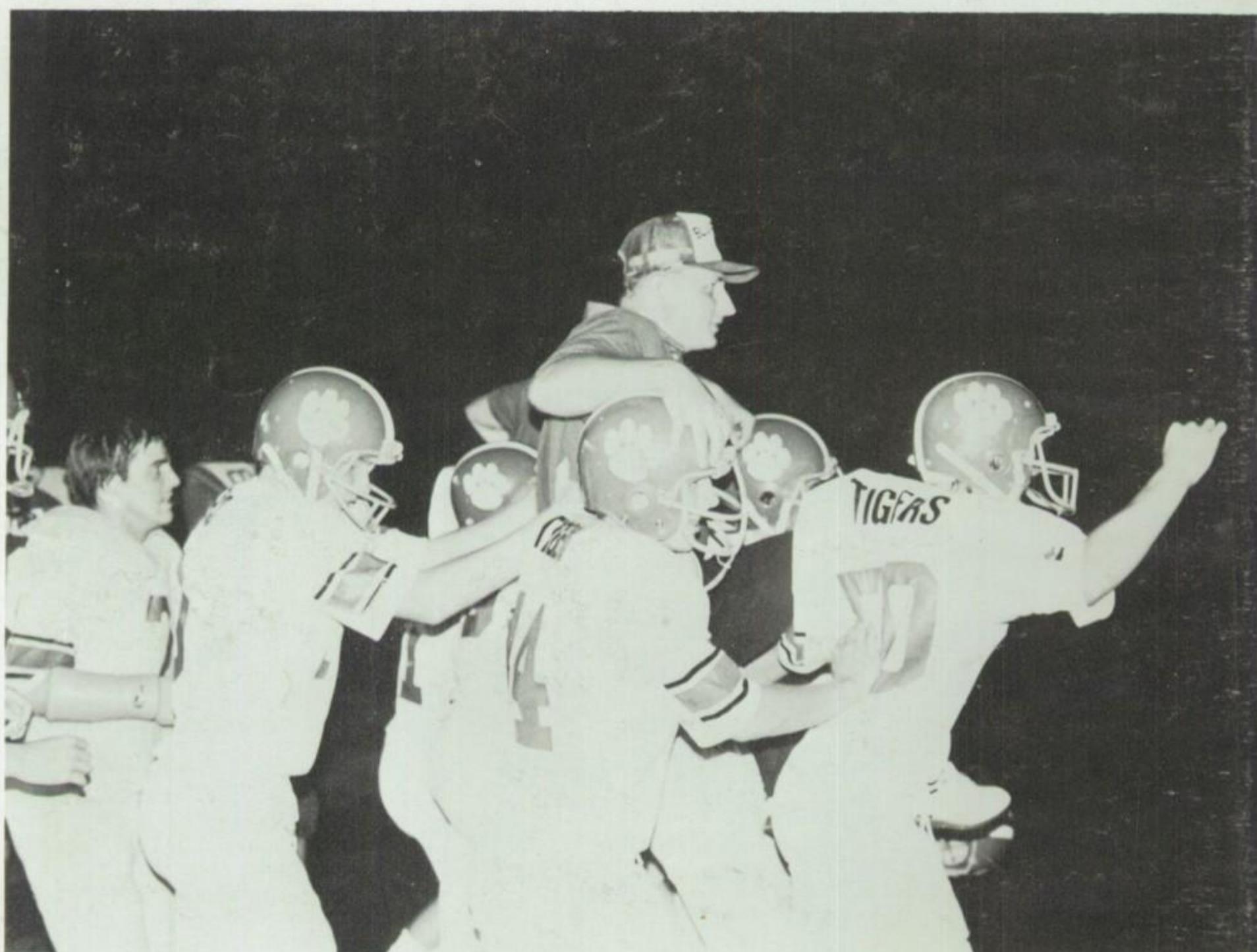
Bluffton High School

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*The school ala carte line does not quite measure up to the Polish sausage and footlong hotdogs available on the downtown streets in late September. Waiting for their fill are Tom Pastore, **Jeff Hoffer**, and Steve Hoffer.*

Appreciation is shown to Coach Bowser for restoring Tiger pride to Park Stadium after beating Southern Wells 15-0 in the season opener.



A Year of Precedence And Successful Change

Bluffton High School could have been just another public high school of the 371 in Indiana. The year 1982 could have been just another twelve months. You could have been just another student of the millions in the country. But BHS, 1982, and you were introduced, and with this combination came distinction and pride.

There were always those that preferred to see BHS in their rearview mirror, but overall, 1982 brought a new spirit to the crowded halls. Modifications were introduced from the first day of school when the doors opened to all four grades for the first time since 1965, and the seniors were recognized as the 100th graduating class.

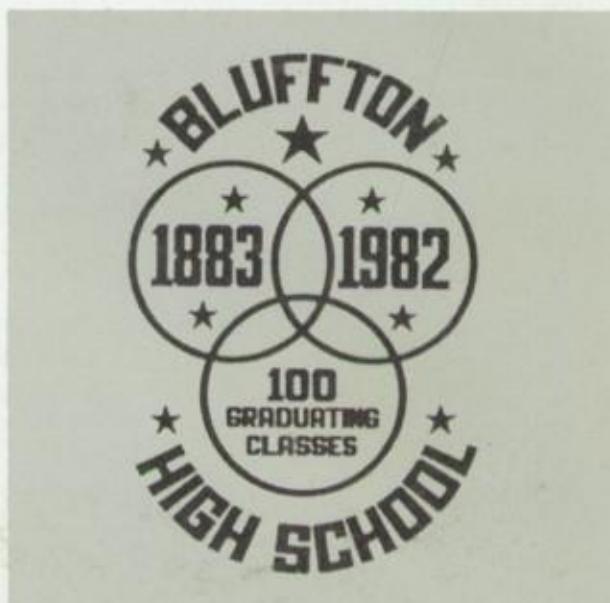
Adjustments were made with the delayed opening of the renovated gymnasium as the cafeteria filled to capacity and pep sessions were forced onto the front lawn. Home-

room was abolished and students were dismissed twenty minutes earlier at 2:35 p.m.

Records were set during the winter months when school was closed a total of thirteen days due to snow which piled up from pre-Christmas to post-spring vacation. Extra-curricular activities suffered as well. Many were cancelled due to even heavier snows to the north. Warmer days brought tornadoes and spring floods with Allen County rivers rising drastically above flood stage and causing damages that rose above \$20 million and brought President Reagan in for a visit to view the damages.

For some, it was the longest year of their life, for others, the shortest. Despite the length, it will most likely be remembered as the year of winter, the year of the logo, and the year victory found its way back to the Park Stadium football field.

From some twenty designs submitted, Nici Andrews' was chosen to serve as the official centennial logo in honor of the Senior Class.

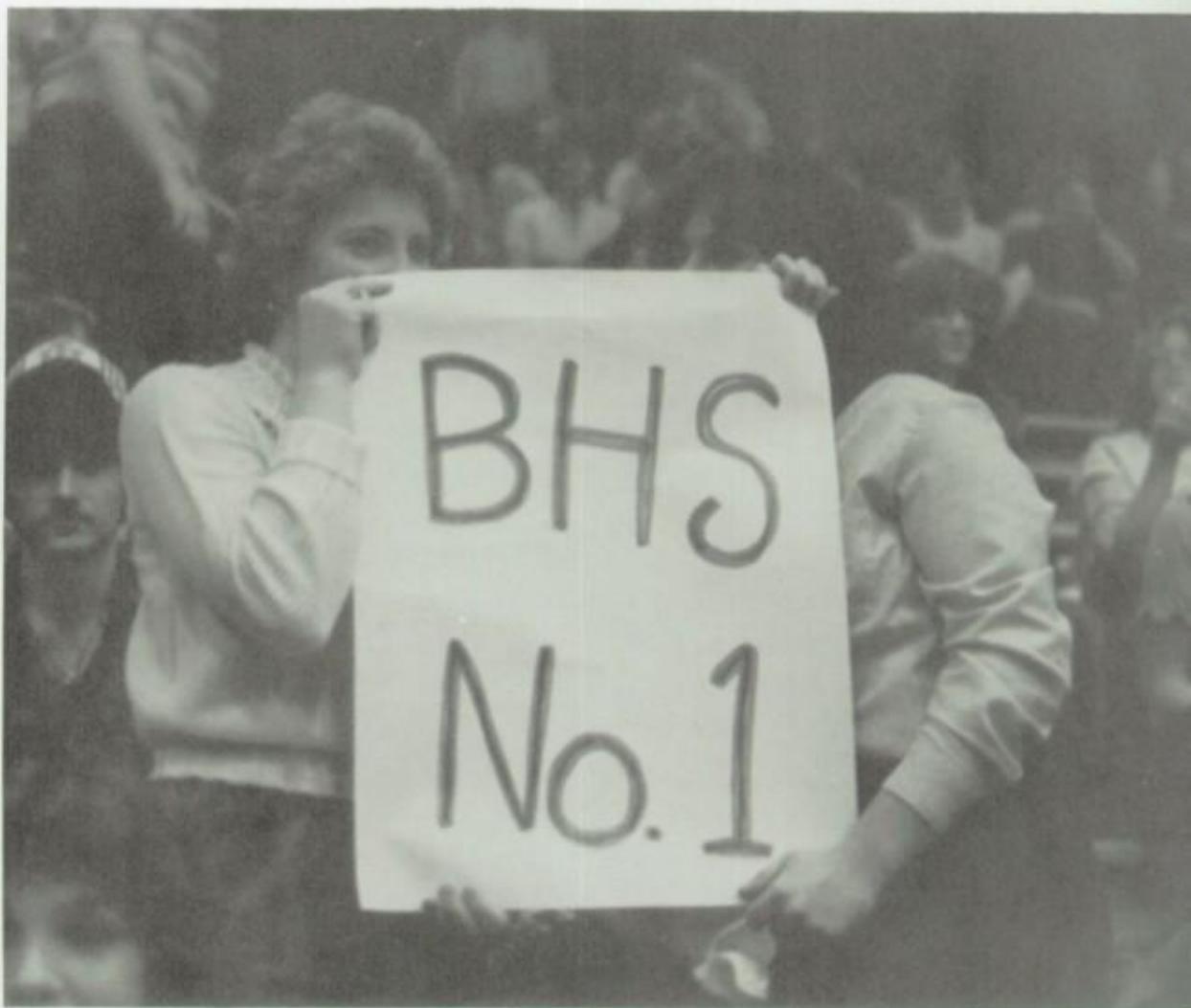


Mr. Byanski and Choral Director Pam Hoo-pingarner demonstrate a dance step from the successful fall production "Once Upon A Mattress".

Two classes were new to the building this year and spirits rose with the enrollment. Sophomores Lori Umphrey and **Tina Rhoades** could be found at most school activities as they are here at the opening game of the South Adams Sectional Tournament in early March.



The halls took on a different look over the summer when carpenters worked to finish before classes resumed. Snatching some credit are passerbys Mike Deam and Tracy Cross.



Pride played an important role in all aspects of school activities whether the Tigers were triumphant or defeated. Sanja Shane and Tanya Isch display theirs at a home basketball game.

Tiger Proud: Win Or Lose



Record snowfalls kept students home for thirteen days and added some variety when school reopened. Many schools in the area suffered roof damage as well as lost class time.





Excitement mounts at a pep rally hosted by Senior **Georgie Collier** as Tiger fans throw a straw Knight into the roaring bonfire.

Sara Longenberger acquires additional traction for the senior girls after slipping off her shoes only to be defeated by the juniors in the Winterfest competition.



The commons area furniture was inviting after six hours of classes. Lisa Bowman and Tammy McCarty wait for their transportation home.

Unemployment Rises,

Anwar Sadat Falls

Often, national and world problems can be avoided with the simple act of turning off the television or switching radio stations when the news comes on, but this year it did not always happen that way. Many events hit home and students became world aware. We hope that these two pages aid you in remembering the major happenings that took place outside school but eventually crept into our lives.

JUNE

- President Reagan is rested and returns to a full schedule.
- A plane crashes on US Air Craft Carrier Nimitz killing 14 and injuring 50 others.
- Reagan states that he will go for every last bit of his three-year tax-cut plan.
- Egyptian President Sadat and Israeli President Begin meet in the Sinai but missile crisis in Lebanon remains.
- Pope John Paul II leaves the hospital in Rome after three weeks of treatment from wounds suffered in an attempt on his life.
- Israel invades Iraq and destroys a nuclear reactor.
- Mexico President Portillo visits US with a warm reception but sharp differences remain.
- Francois Mitterand elected president of France and unexpectedly names communists to his cabinet.
- America struggles to pass the time without its national pastime as major league baseball players interrupt the season with a strike.

JULY

- Wayne Williams is arrested in Atlanta, Georgia, for the murder of three Black children.
- Mark David Chapman pleads guilty to the shooting of John Lennon.
- John McEnroe defeats Bjorn Borg and ends his five-year reign at Wimbledon.
- Regan nominates Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Conner to the Supreme Court.
- More than 100 die as tragedy strikes the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kansas City when two interior walkways fall to a lobby filled with 1500 dancers.
- California begins aerial spraying to kill the Mediterranean fruit fly that caused a federal quarantine of California fruit.

AUGUST

- Baseball strike is finally settled after 50 days but the players are out of shape and many fans are disillusioned.
- As the British cling to their monarchy, Queen Elizabeth's son, Prince Charles of Wales, marries kindergarten teacher Lady Diana Spencer with the entire world as the audience.
- Strikes erupt in Poland to protest food prices that rose 300% and a 20% cut in meat rations.
- Professional Air Traffic Controllers fly into a rage against its employer, the Federal Aviation Administration, launching an illegal strike. Dismissal letters are mailed and enforced while the US Air Control System settles down to the task of operating safely without 12,000 fired strikers.
- Despite European fears, the US decides to build the neutron bomb.
- Before heading to Neptune and Uranus, Voyager 2 makes a second photographic pass at Saturn.
- During a US naval exercise in the Mediterranean, a Libyan pilot fires at two American F-12's. A minute later, two Libyan jets are downed in the most direct US-Libyan confrontation ever.

STUDENT PRICE INDEX

Can of pop	\$.40
Gallon of gas	1.17
Candy bar	.30
Designer jeans	42.00
Average total cost 1 yr. of state funded college	4600.00
Gallon of milk	1.89
Movie ticket	3.75
McDonald's Big Mac	1.30
Parking ticket	1.00
Ticket to concert	9.00



SEPTEMBER

- Fearful and confused, the states start to cope with the federal spending cutbacks.
- As Islamic President Raja'i and Prime Minister Bahonar meet secretly in Iran, a bomb blast kills both men and six others pushing the nation toward a civil war.
- Every day 12 million viewers watch General Hospital, the most lascivious daytime show available without a prescription.
- Irked by Solidarity independence, Moscow issues a warning of "radical steps".

OCTOBER

- As Camp David talks resume, Israel ends military rule on the West Bank of the Jordan River.
- The United States debt hits \$1 trillion.
- Once again, the forces of hatred lash out against a symbol of peace. Cut down by assassins' bullets, Egypt's Anwar Sadat leaves a legacy of confusion and despair but also a hope that his vision may still prevail. The US sends former president Jimmy Carter to services.
- The Rolling Stones are back in the US with a hit album and a gate-busting concert that stirs old memories.
- Nancy Reagan receives criticism for the \$200,000 purchase of china for the White House dining room.

NOVEMBER

- After a last-hour push by Reagan, the Senate narrowly approves a sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia but the cost is high and the reward uncertain.
- After a near-perfect liftoff, the Space Shuttle Columbia develops a new hitch and controllers cut short its mission.
- Secretary of the Interior James Watt and conservationists tangle over wilderness drilling.

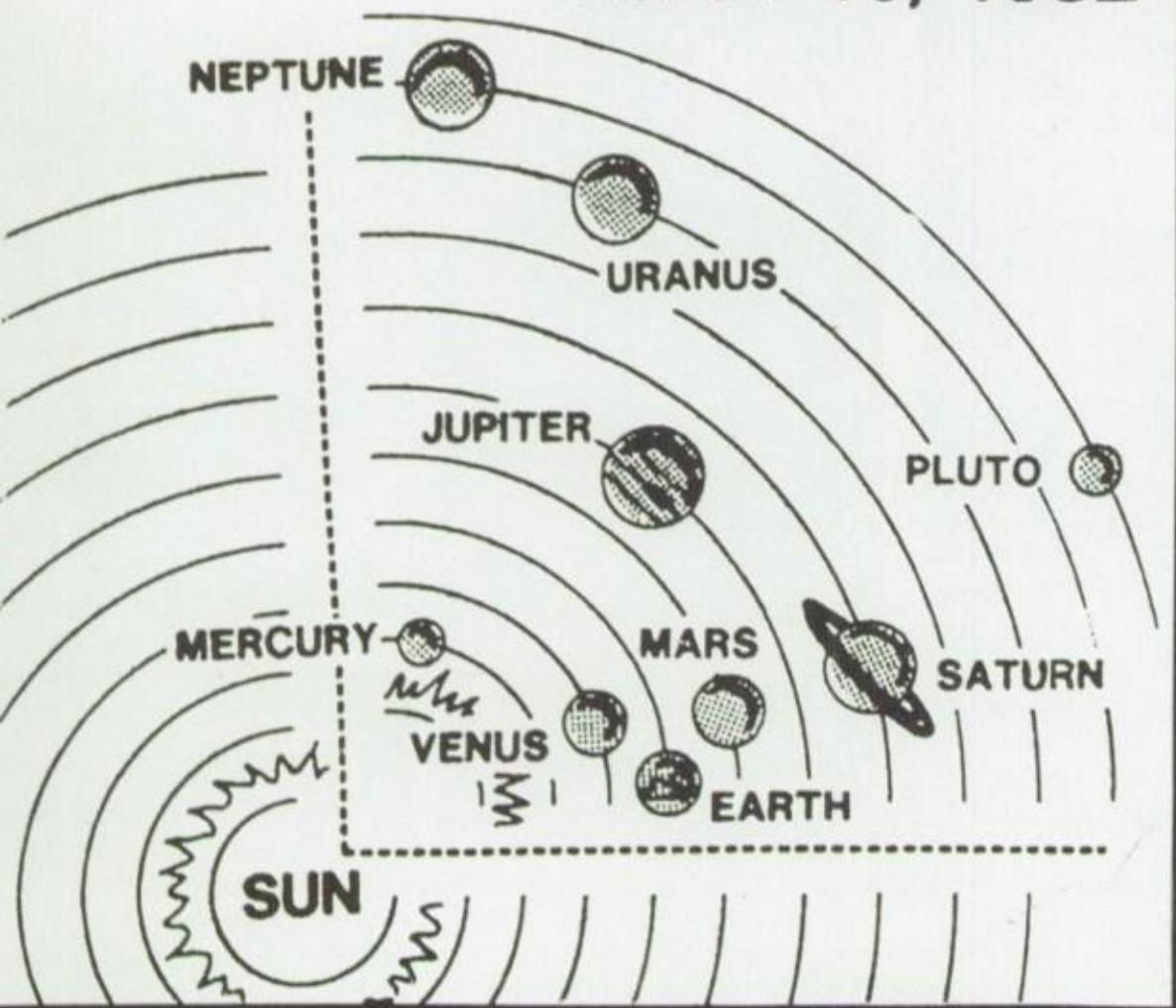


Both businesses and homes were hit by Ft. Wayne's extensive flooding.

March 10 passed uneventful though many were prepared for the worst.

CROWDED QUADRANT

March 10, 1982



DECEMBER

- Jack Albertson dies at 74 after a long career in show business.
- As the recession gathers force, some 9 million Americans are facing the Christmas holidays without jobs.
- Natalie Wood, 43, dies accidentally 22 miles off the Los Angeles shore while climbing aboard husband Robert Wagner's boat.
- Martial law is declared in Poland as the government moves suddenly to crush a defiant new challenge from Solidarity and turns the country into a nation cut off from the rest of the world.
- Brigadeer General James Dozier is kidnapped by the Red Brigade in Italy.

JANUARY

- More than thirty people are killed in Northern California mudslides, many simply buried alive.
- In Washington DC, a Boeing 737 plows across a traffic-clogged bridge over the Potomac and plunges into the icy river. Seventy-eight die in the wreckage that takes a week to raise.
- Record snows hit the Midwest and bring record-breaking temperature lows.

FEBRUARY

- Lieut. Col. Charles Ray, 43, is killed by a single shot striking him on the back of the neck.
- America's number one worry becomes unemployment, replacing inflation.
- James Dozier is freed in a dramatic rescue after 42 days of captivity and repeated reports of his death.

MARCH

- Thirty-one Kentucky coal mines are shut down after another cave-in claims six more lives.
- Wayne Williams receives two life sentences in the Atlanta murders.
- John Belushi's rise from class clown in school to Saturday Night Live to Blues Brothers Superstar ends in sudden death at 33 in a drug overdose.
- Facing expulsion, Senator Harrison Williams resigns still claiming he was framed by the FBI in ABSCAM.
- The world did not end on March 10 though thousands were prepared.

APRIL

- Argentina invades the British Falkland Islands and braces themselves to defend their claim.
- Spring enters its third week and Easter is just days off, but the winter that would not go away strikes again with full force.
- A rebellious Congress confronts a stubborn president on the budget.

MAY

- The 1982 World's Fair opens in Knoxville, Tennessee, with energy as its theme.
- Ground Zero Week, a seven-day marathon of instructional films, performances, and lectures, tries to inform Americans of Nuclear War dangers.
- Time runs out for a peaceful settlement in the Falkland crisis and the US abandons neutrality and sides with Britain.
- The jobless rate reaches a 41-year high of 9.4%.
- As thousands of Warsaw, Poland, residents take to the streets to protest martial law, security forces use clubs and water cannons to restore order.
- Blood flows in the Falkland Islands as the British attack at the command of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. To the date of publishing this book, the US has offered no military assistance to Britain.
- Gordon Johncock captures his second Indianapolis 500 victory and the purse of \$290,609.10.

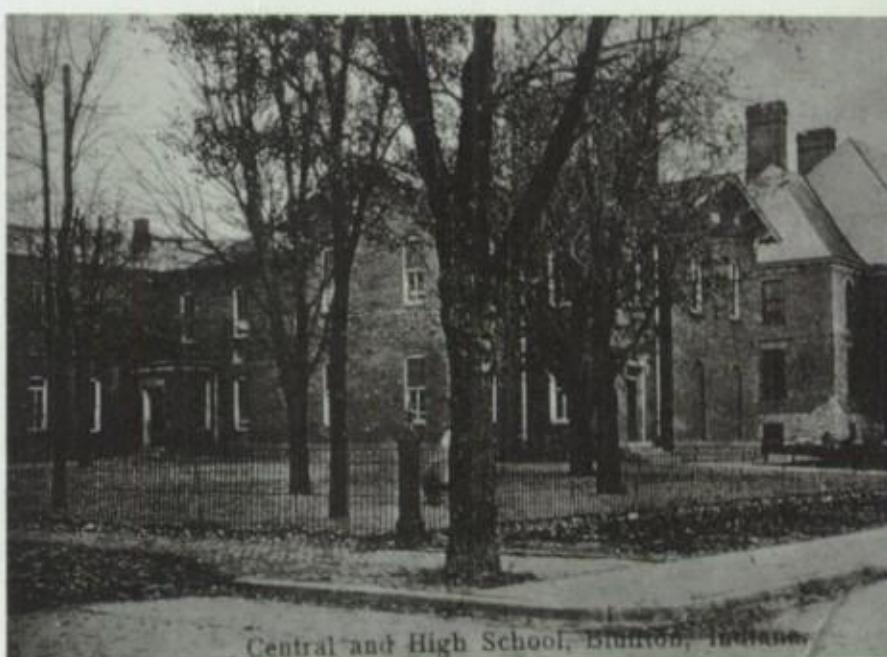
Century Passes, Buildings Change, Integrity Grows

Bluffton High School has developed a diverse and unique history, uncommonly great in length. From the 1880's to the 1980's, BHS has avoided consolidation and destruction and remained a respected institution. Its past is presented here with hopes of a promising future.

The Central Building that most remember was built next to the high school building on Washington Street. The west wing and gym were added in 1936 where the high school building stood.



The first Central Building, built in 1868, replaced the other three Bluffton schools operating at that time. In 1881, the first high school opened in upper rooms 9 and 10 of this building.



Central and High School, Bluffton, Indiana

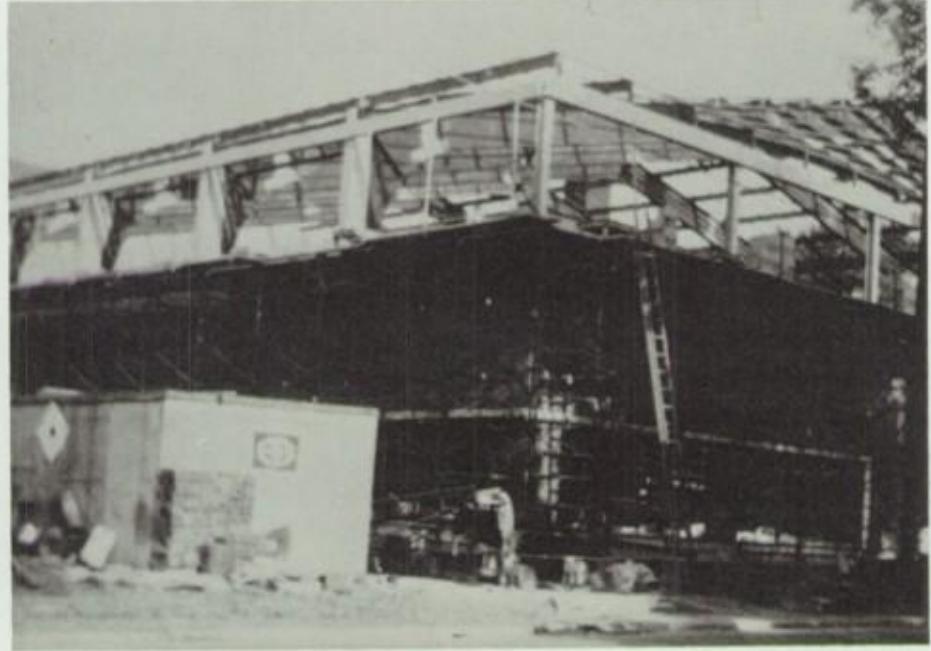
The building with the tower to the right of the first Central Building was constructed in 1891 and was the first high school building.



Standing on the northwest corner of Marion and Cherry Streets, this building served as the Bluffton School. It was referred to as the high school because it was two stories high, although no high school existed until 1881.

Stogdill Road and State Road 116 was chosen as the site of the new junior high building, opened in 1976. Under construction in 1976, the Park Stadium was dedicated in 1977 and named for Fred F. Park, a former principal and educator.

In 1954, the gymnasium was erected at the Oak Street building in the same design as the Fort Wayne Coliseum and the high school students were once again moved to the present site of Bluffton High School. As enrollment grew, the need for additional room became stronger. In 1969, the north wing of the high school was added and finally in 1975, the auditorium was constructed amid community controversy.



The Allen High School was built in 1923 and the high school classes were moved here. In 1939 the Central Building burned, was renovated and became the high school. Central students were then moved to the old section of the current high school structure.



Over the summer of 1981, the high school gymnasium was brightened up and the stage closed to form a multi-purpose room. Other remodeling was done over the entire building.

After completing a three-year curriculum, nine members of the Class of 1883 graduated and marked the beginning of 100 graduating classes from Bluffton High School. To mark the event, the class donated the rock monument that still remains. Members of the class not in order with the photograph are: Fred Burgan, Alfred Burwell, Rena Burwell, Harry Crosby, Nellie Freeman, Harry F. Meck, Morris Meck, Will Spencer, and Nelson K. Todd. P.A. Allen is seen standing behind the rock (holding paper.) The third female is Louise Gregg, teacher for the senior class.



Academics has greatly expanded since the 1880's. Student teaching is now common in the Bluffton School System. Senior Teresa Harter is urged to complete her grading duties by her anxious students at East Side Elementary School.

ACADEMICS

Sophomore Scot Chandler seeks assistance in a term paper assignment from Miss Studebaker.



Creativity Essential To Language Arts

Where can you find actors, literature scholars, foreigners, reporters and debaters? Try the Language Arts Department at BHS.

Classes like German and Spanish turned ordinary students into bilinguals and trilinguals. Members of the Publications Staff roamed the school in search of the latest news for the *Comet*, while imagination and responsibility were essential in creating the *Retrospect*. Aspiring young actors learned the tricks of the trade in Theatre class. Debate students enjoyed getting into argu-

ments and "heavy" discussions.

English classes made up the largest part of the Language Arts Department. Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior English students passed their time doing book reports, speeches, sentence structure and attempting to enrich their vocabulary, among other things. Optional English 12 was geared toward preparing seniors for college. The Language Arts Department gave students at BHS an opportunity to expand their creative writing, speaking and thinking abilities.



The Language Arts Department includes **SEATED:** Billy Kreigh and Denise Norman. **STANDING:** Diane Wright, Sheldon Shalley, Jerry Flueckiger, Hilda Studebaker, Stan Gilbert, and Tom Schwartz.

Beth Lohmuller uses her knowledge of the German language to question Mr. Schwartz concerning a bit of German history. The American flag in the background is the only reminder to students that it is not a real German classroom.

History

When the doors opened to the freshmen, additions in the high school staff were necessary. Denny Lewis and Stan Gilbert were transferred from the junior high to round out the History Department.

Juniors were required to take a year of U.S. History, but could major in the subject by taking an additional year of World History. Seniors met requirements with a semester of U.S. Government and a semester of either Psychology or Economics.

Mike Kracium's government course is commonly acknowledged by seniors as the most difficult course in the curriculum. Included in the class is a mock trial, run by students to gain experience and obtain a practical view of the courtroom. The second half of the semester was enhanced with an in-depth research paper.

Steve Fischer's psychology classes hosted guest speakers who commented on such subjects as the State Hospital and the Peace Corps.

Math/Science

Ron Gremaux and Steve Wagne. were the newest additions to the Math and Science Department who found their way to the Oak Street doors along with the freshmen in late August.

Computers Add New Dimension

Classes offered to the freshmen included Biology, Algebra I and General Math. Beyond state requirements, the sophomores were offered Geometry and some juniors selected Algebra II and Chemistry. Seniors were allowed to take Advanced Biology, Senior Math and Physics.

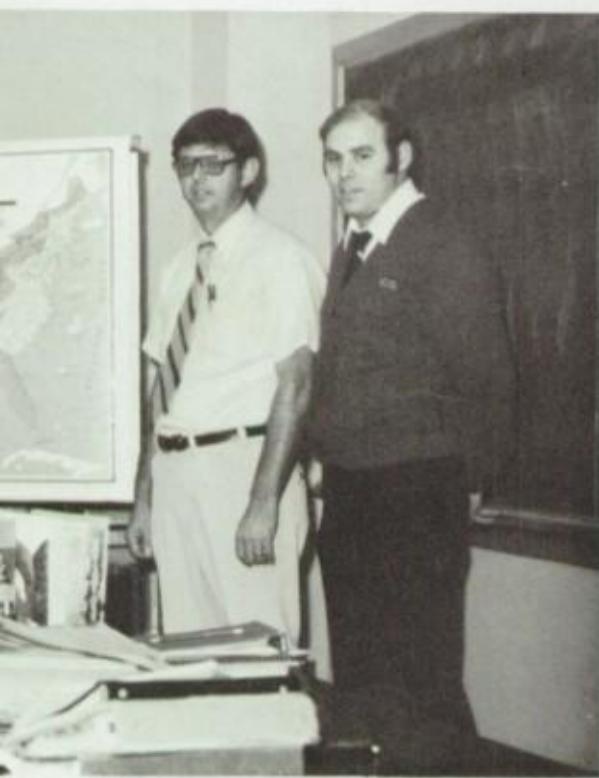
The new computer course was offered to juniors and seniors who had met the requirements of Algebra I and Geometry. There was a waiting list for the computer class that received seven new Model 3 TRS 80 computers. The computers quickly became a part of the high school curriculum, enhancing the possibilities of job training. However, it did not take long before students were experts on programming their own versions of video games.

Gathered around a map of early America are history teachers Steve Fischer, Stan Gilbert, Mike Kracium and Dennis Lewis.

Steve Hoffer and Andy Shively take a break in the computer room while Ron Whitesel punches out a new program on his keyboard.

Jeff Hook and Tanya Isch relax after experiencing one of the famous "Kracium Quizzes."





Jenny Umphrey and Jenny Kaehr show off their latest lab victim in Biology class, but Amy Lobsiger grimaces at the sight of one of man's favorite pets, the cat.

Mr. Fischer prepares his psychology class for a guest speaker, Mr. Colby Knerr, who related information about the State Hospital.

*The math and science department includes **FRONT ROW:** Steve Wagner, Ron Gremaux and Ken Ballinger. **BACK ROW:** Floyd Soper, Bob Kaylor and Ralph Broman.*

Not Your Typical Classrooms

P.E./Health

For the physical education teachers, the year was a confusing one, as classes for physical education could not be held in the gymnasium for two months due to remodeling.

After having physical education outside, in nearby parks, in the local bowling alley and in the cafeteria, the classes returned to the gymnasium in early November.

The stage was closed off to be used for a multi-purpose room. Ms. Wright used the room for exercising, gymnastics and aerobic dancing. The brightly painted gym was the most noticeable change in the renovation. The locker rooms were also remodeled with resurfaced floors, and repainted walls and lockers. The boys' rooms received new lockers and the girls' rooms had new shower stalls installed.

This year the scheduling for the physical education department was revamped. The department was forced to meet state requirements to make the classes co-educational. This eliminated the need for an alternating daily schedule between physical education and health, and provided a more coherent class environment.

In order for the sophomores to

meet the state requirements for graduation, they completed one semester of physical education and a semester of health. Freshmen took an entire year of physical education to also meet the requirement. Because of this year of readjustments, the physical education classes were overcrowded and activities were limited.

Mr. Denny Lewis transferred from the junior high to join Diane Wright and Tony Garton in the health/physical education department.

Vocational Ed.

The vocational classes, offered through the home economics and industrial arts departments, allowed students to express their creativity through special projects. The skills taught in these areas helped meet the departmental goals: to prepare students for the future.

The home economics classes included cooking, sewing and family practice. Beginning home economics was added to the high school curriculum for the freshmen. Classes in metals, woods, printing and advanced drafting were offered in the industrial arts areas. Freshmen were limited to classes in

Woods I and drafting.

One of the most unique projects of the year took place in Mr. Jim Grant's Metals II class. The class made metal desk sets that were adorned with the centennial logo. The project made money for school supplies and also added memorabilia to the centennial celebration. The sets were sold to the faculty, student body and the community at basketball games.

Mrs. Cathy Fritts and Mrs. Liz Gerend's Family Living and Family Relations classes were also involved in an original project: a mock wedding and reception. The wedding gave students the opportunity to participate in the planning and realize the significance of the ceremony for future reference.

Returning to the home economics staff after a year's leave was Mrs. Fritts. Joining Mr. Keith Vardaman, Mr. Grant and Mr. Eugene Edington in the industrial arts department was Mr. George Moore, who was transferred from the junior high.



Getting a bird's-eye-view of the renovated gym are physical education and health teachers Dennis Lewis, Diane Wright and Tony Garton.



The home economics and industrial arts teachers are Eugene Edington, Kathy Fritts, Ken Moore, Keith Vardaman, Jim Grant and Liz Gerend who was not present when the photo was taken.



Bill Sparks depresses the lever on the sander in hopes of gaining a smoother finished product for his project in the metals class.



*To add realism to the mock wedding Jenny Baumgartner, Dick Brickley, **Georgie Collier**, Randy Brinneman, Laura Taylor and Dan Crickard pose for the traditional wedding party picture.*



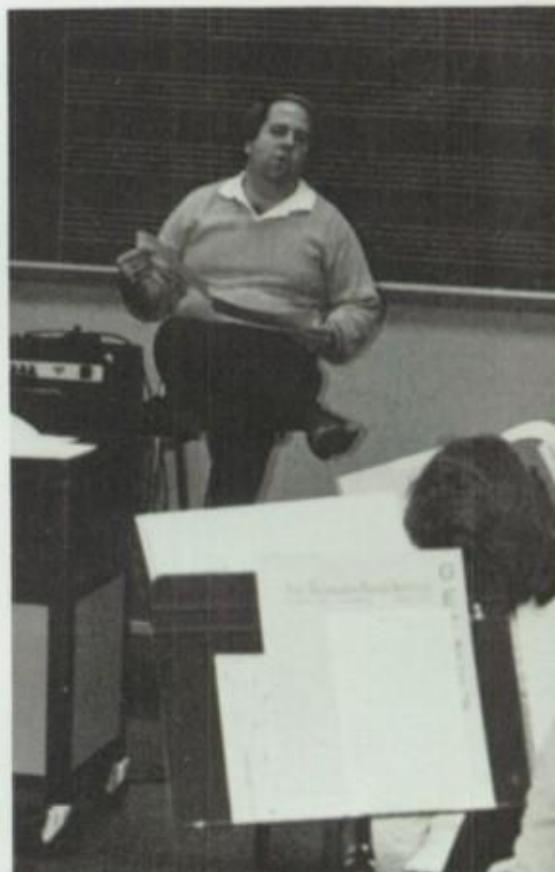
Mark Beals and Greg Hacha plan out a complex defensive maneuver against their classmate opponents in a game of Zingo in the gym.

Members of Miss Wright's physical education class watch their reflections in the mirror as they exercise in the new enclosed stage.



The Fine Arts teachers include Ofelia Hernandez, Brad Roberts, Pam Hoopin-garner, Donna Ballinger and Dave Stroop.

Communication gives best results is the point Mr. Roberts is trying to get across.



Breaking Up The Basic Monotony

Fine Arts

The 1981-82 school year proved to be a busy and successful one for the talented people in the fine arts department. During street fair week, Mrs. Ofelia Hernandez's art students won the first prize of \$200 in the float contest. Meanwhile, the Swing Era hosted the annual swing choir contest at the fair. In October the Bengal Brigade captured second place in the State Band Class D championship. They later celebrated with the annual Band Banquet and selected members received awards.

During the winter months the new art room was refurnished with cabinets and sinks, allowing easier storage and clean up. The winter concert, featuring the choir and band of both the high school and junior high was cancelled due to the many snow days.

In the spring, members of the band worked hard in preparation for **Fantasia '82**, an entertaining variety show that included singing, dancing, special effects and, of course, music. A few weeks later,

members of the Swing Era, Chamber Choir and Concert Choir gave excellent performances in their show entitled **Spectacular Plus**.

Business

With the addition of the freshman class came General Business teacher Ron DeWitt. He joined Valerie Goodspeed, Jim Brown, Judy Emshwiller and Dennis Kummer in the business department.

Besides general business, which was the only business course available to freshmen, classes in the business department included two levels of accounting and typing, office machines, business law and Intensive Office Lab. I.O.L. gave seniors an opportunity to play the role of a secretary working in a real office.

Students who opted to take business classes prepared themselves for future jobs. Many students were able to go right into a job while others required only minimal training before employment. This was important with the rising costs of a four year education and cuts in federal assistance.

Brenda Davis, Lori Harriett and Renae Robison discuss the latest gossip in art class.

The brass section of the high school band takes time out for a short breath before returning to their song.



Leading the business department are Jim Brown, Judy Emshwiller, Valerie Goodspeed, Ron DeWitt and Dennis Kummer.

Jenny Baumgartner finds the new IBM typewriters more efficient and easier to use.



Efforts Pay Off

Earlier in the year, the annual scholastic breakfast was held to honor students maintaining specific grade point averages. As the months passed, students began to compete for scholarships and honors. In the spring, the National Honor Society held an annual banquet and initiation ceremonies and Class Day '82 quickly approached.

Here, community members and faculty distributed trophies, certificates and cash awards to seniors and underclassmen. Richard Nash received the Kiwanis Merit and Tri Kappa awards and the \$500 Hoosier State Scholarship. Angie Steele also received a Hoosier State Scholarship, the Tri Kappa Art award and the Lions Club scholarship. Amy Lobsiger received the Delta Theta Tau award and Lisa Harshman accepted the Sigma Phi Gamma award. The Farm Bureau award went to Sherry Shaw. Valedictorian Lisa Randall and Salutatorian Cathie Lohmuller were given special medals for their scholastic achievements.

Underclassmen awards went to Angie George who received the Psi Iota Xi ring from Becky Krebs and Kyle Wietholter was honored with the Robert Hannie Memorial award for personality and sportsmanship.

Certificates were presented to students who excelled in various subject areas. Also honored were seniors with perfect attendance.

The class history was read by Trent Bucher and Andy Carnall gave the class prophecy. As his last official act as president of the senior class, Randy Brinneman presented the senior key to junior president Mark Biddle.

Sophomores invited to the breakfast are **FRONT ROW:** R. Bucher, T. Link, S. Fether, Osborn, F. Ilnicki, M. Magley, T. Vandentop and P. Hazelton. **SECOND ROW:** Schennere, A. Grusd, S. King, K. Miller, B. Dyson, S. Shaw, C. Schennere, T. Thompson, H. Jackson and C. Schorey. **BACK ROW:** D. Willett, K. Brown, M. Parsons, B. Trubey, Bradley, T. Bardsley, D. Moser, K. Byanski, M. Steffen and M. Blair.



Seniors honored at the scholastic breakfast are **FRONT ROW:** L. Randall, A. Lobsiger, C. Lohmuller, D. Miller, K. White, A. Steele, L. Shedd and J. Petzel. **BACK ROW:** R. Streater, J. Carr, R. Brinneman, R. Nash, T. Bucher, T. Cross, J. Hiester and D. Meyer.



Juniors honored include **FRONT ROW:** J. Seese, T. Isch, L. Dyson, C. Honegger, L. Mechling and S. Brickey. **SECOND ROW:** D. Dillon, D. Betz, S. Speheger, D. Brown and B. Lohmuller. **BACK ROW:** J. Higginbottom, M. Biddle, B. Record, T. Hickey and M. Deam.

"If you look around this auditorium, you couldn't find a better choice than Brett Garrett," announced Joe Emshwiller before handing Brett the Emshwiller Cup. Brett also received the Bluffton Teachers' Association scholarship.



Outstanding band members were recognized for their service to the Bengal Brigade. Awards were presented to the following band members: Dee Dee Dillon, Outstanding Auxiliary; Kris Hinesley, Outstanding Freshman; Lisa Blair, Outstanding Junior; Cathie Lohmuller, John Phillip Sousa Award; Tom Link, Outstanding Sophomore; and Dean Smekens, Outstanding Junior. Dean and Lisa tied for the award.



Tracy Cross and Becky Krebs hold the American Legion Trophies that were presented by Leroy Hedges. Tracy also received the P.A. Allen Memorial Award and Becky was presented with the Psi Iota Xi plaque.

Plaques were presented to a member of each class for outstanding choir service. Recipients were Freshman Beth Meyer, Senior Becky Krebs, Sophomore Pete Hazelton and Junior Sanja Shane.

Firecrackers Sound As Class Day Ends



Julie Rhoades eagerly approaches the stage to join classmates for the awards ceremony.



Receiving National Merit recognition are Seniors Trent Bucher, Kendra White, Cathie Lohmuller and Lisa Randall.

Sondra Bower accepts the American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Award.

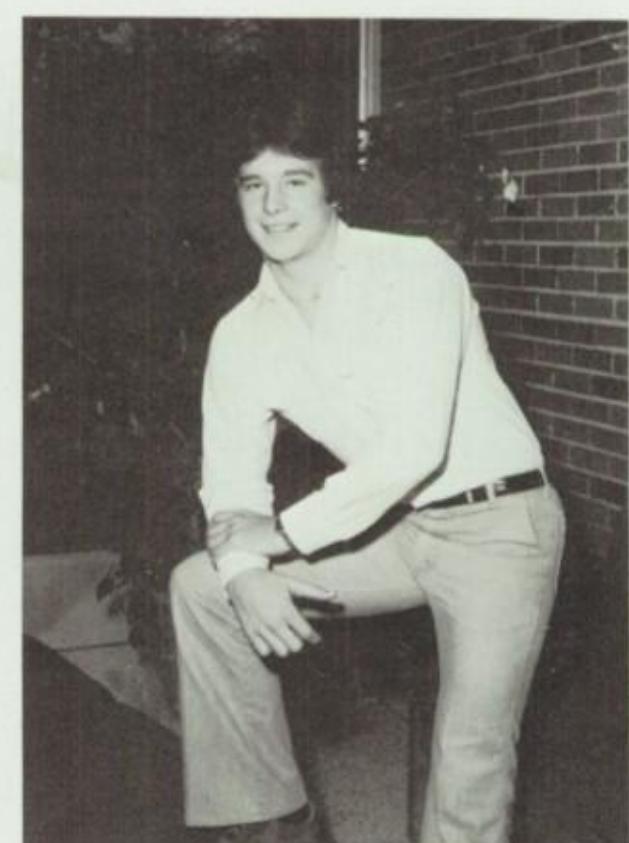
Junior President Mark Biddle proudly takes the Senior Key on behalf of his class from Senior Class President Randy Brinneman.



Senior Jim Osborn is rewarded for his achievements in RVS as he is presented the award for Outstanding Regional Vocational Student.



Maintaining perfect attendance records for four years are Amy Lobsiger, Diana Miller, Tracy Cross, Jim Osborn and Tony Arnold.



DAR Good Citizen Award winner Randy Brinneman is recognized for his patriotism and his high moral character.

The reading of the class history brings back memories for Gary Short and Tami Grice.

Surrounded by a maze of merchandise, Tim Nowak familiarizes himself with the problems of running a small business in his father's store.

ICE students are **FRONT ROW:** Terry Christianson, Kenny Garrison, Tim Dillman, Greg Ostrander, Tim Nowak, Alan Lutz, Tony Arnold and Debbie Love. **BACK ROW:** Mrs. Emshwiller, Kim Brown, Jenny Baumgartner, Becky Baumgartner, Tami Grice, DeDe Misiano, Laura Taylor, Amy Dohrman, Julia Worthington, Lisa Harshman, Chris Stanley, Christine Edington and Tammy Kummer.



Learning goes both ways as Courtney Pfister and East Side Elementary students share two hours a day in the cadet teaching program.



*The RVS students are **FRONT ROW:** Dave Uptgraft, **Hans Franze** and Brian Noble. **SECOND ROW:** Richard Sutton, **Phil Baumgartner**, Ronald Bredelove, Steve Burns and Jim Osborn. **BACK ROW:** Mr. Ballinger, coordinator, Mitch Barger, Greg Cale, Rick Richie, Everett Schoeff, Jim Falk and Ken Beer.*



Working at the Regional Vocational Center, Jim Osborn carefully checks the metal lathe to see that the chuck is tight and ready for use.

Career Foundations

Through Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education (ICE), Regional Vocational Schooling (RVS), and the Cadet Teaching Program, fifty-two juniors and seniors were able to gain actual work experience beyond the normal high school routine.

Students attending RVS, sponsored by Ken Ballinger, traveled to the vocational school in Fort Wayne where the students were introduced to fields in construction, mechanics, graphic communications, health care, food service and data processing. Some of the RVS students participated in the work release program and were paid for their work.

Mrs. Judy Emshwiller sponsored the ICE program which allowed twenty-one seniors to be dismissed

from school for part of the day to gain work experience and earn money while still taking the required high school courses needed to graduate.

Cadet teaching, under the direction of Miss Janet Baker, permitted fifteen seniors to explore the profession of education. The seniors selected the grade level and subject areas of interest to be pursued for the first semester. To give the students a broader base of experience, the cadet teachers switched subject areas for the second semester.

Between the three optional programs, outside learning experiences were available and valuable career construction was begun.



The Cadet Teachers are SEATED: Brenda Emshwiller, Becky Krebs and Lisa Randall. SECOND ROW: Lisa Betz, Renae Robinson, Jenny Kachr, Teresa Harter and Dean Schisler. BACK ROW: Jim Glenn, Andy Shively, Brett Smith, Courtney Pfister and Brett Garrett.



*There was a lot more to school than six classes a day, semester tests, and report cards. Grades failed to reflect the participation in school organizations. **Dave Robison** and **John Mackall** decorate school windows for the Christmas season as members of Dabblers.*

Formerly an active organization at BHS, Hi-Y annually decorated a club Christmas tree. Adding the finishing touches to the 1949 tree are Ned Speheger, Fred Nickel, Dick Gilliom, and Max Gerber.



ORGANIZATIONS



Stagehands Tony Wright and **Dave Surfus** attempt to sabotage Lisa Shedd's typewriter in "The Good Doctor".

Before leaving play practice, Nathan Chandler prepares the sound system for the next night's opening performance.



Aiding the success of "The Good Doctor", senior helpers Dan Brink and Andy Carnall relay important cues through the headset.

Students Behind The Scenes

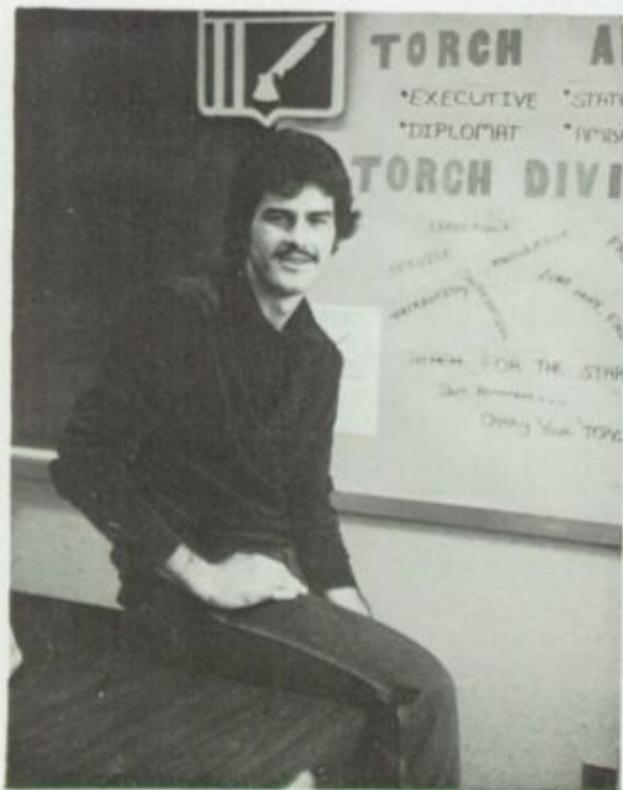
This year's stage crew helped with various aspects of technical production. The crew contributed to the success of such shows as "Once Upon A Mattress" and "The Good Doctor". They also handled the lighting and sound of "Fantasia '82", "Spectacular Plus '82" and many Kiwanis travelogues. The crew gave up many evening hours in order to learn cues and set up property equipment.

The crew rode out controversy with the production staff and made sure the shows went on. Although they did not get a curtain call, the crew was appreciated by the participants in the shows.

Members of the stage crew were Nathan Chandler, John Hiester, Susanna McCord, Mark Mettler, Larry Mock, Courtney Pfister, Jayne Sands, Doug Shoup, Jim Streater, **Dave Surfus**, and Tony Wright. Also helping the crew were **Dan Brink**, Andy Carnall, and Rick Mettler.

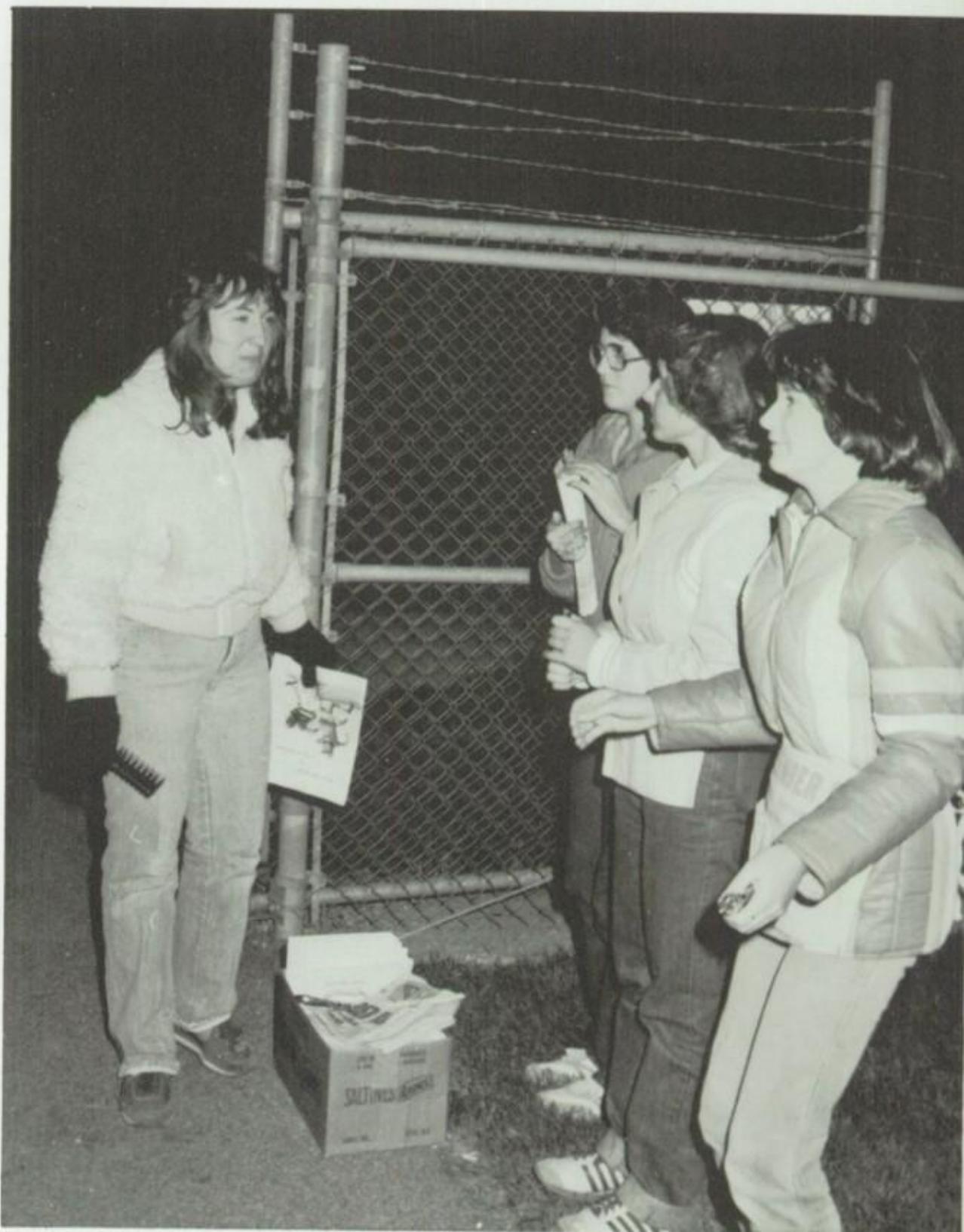
OEA members include **SEATED**: Kris Hinnesley, Lisa Shedd, Renae Robison, Laura Kleinknight, Julie Hacha, Fawn Moser, Sara Longenberger, Jodi Grove and Christy Hahn. **STANDING**: Carol Walburn, Debbie Barnell, Lisa Bowman, Camille Brewer, Kim Brown, Tammy Thompson, Trent Reimschisel, Lisa Miller, Julia Worthington, JoEllen Swartz, Mike Hinesley, Mrs. Goodspeed, Lisa Leitner, Shelly Oliver, Julie Gilbert, Ruth Kinsey, Jill Engle, Alice Sills, Julie Rhoades, Dennis Osborn and Lana Oman.

Senior Trent Reimschisel was elected National OEA Treasurer at the National Leadership Conference held during April in Nashville, Tennessee in a landslide victory.



Julie Gilbert, Jill Engle and Beth Trubey enjoy a few minutes of relaxation before the parliamentary-run meeting is called to order.

OEA members Laura Kleinknight, Carol Walburn, Connie Baumgartner and Lisa Shedd brave the cold autumn air to aid the Tiger football fans to raise money for the organization.



OEA, FHA Team For Charity

An organization which was busy fulfilling a large agenda was OEA. Though OEA set a good example of being a busy club, FHA did not take after it, but slackened its pace.

The members of the Office Education Association (OEA) started a full schedule by attending the District VI skating party in Marion, followed by the Fall Leadership Workshop at Indianapolis. Next on the largest agenda ever was the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF which raised close to \$86 and a Halloween Party at the home of Sara Longenberger where new members were initiated.

Throughout the fall and winter, OEA members checked tickets at football games, sponsored a coat check at basketball games and sold tickets to Intramural games. A successful dance was sponsored by OEA members following the Southern Wells basketball game.

In December, OEA and FHA worked together to collect canned

goods for needy families at Christmastime. A Christmas Party was held at Hinesley's house and featured a carry-in dinner.

February brought District Contest at Mississinewa High School. Competition winners included Debbie Barnell, Lisa Bowman, Camille Brewer, Vickie Christianson, Mike Hinesley, Laura Kleinknight, Lisa Leitner, Sara Longenberger, Fawn Moser and Trent Reimschisel. Sara also received her diplomat award at this time.

Two weeks later, Trent Reimschisel and Lisa Bowman attended the officer screening held at the Sheraton Inn in Indianapolis where Lisa was slated to run for District VI Vice President and Trent to run for National Treasurer at the National Conference.

In mid-March 14 members attended the State Leadership Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis. Here Reimschisel, Barnell, Brewer, Leitner, Longenberger

and Mary Steffen received the statesman and stateswoman awards, and Lisa Bowman was elected District VI Vice President.

When some organizations were winding up the year, OEA was still in full swing in April when Trent and Lisa traveled to Nashville, Tennessee where Trent was elected National OEA Treasurer.

While Trent and Lisa were in Nashville, the other members attended the OEA Banquet at the Branding Iron and elected new officers. When Trent and Lisa came home, OEA held a faculty and staff breakfast in their honor.

The OEA officers for the 1981-82 year were Mike Hinesley, president; JoEllen Swartz, vice president; Lisa Leitner, secretary; and Julia Worthington, treasurer.

The Future Homemakers of America (FHA) set and met new goals with Mrs. Fritts as the sponsor.

A Halloween Party led the activities and was followed by the election of the Turkey Teacher in November. Students and faculty contributed money to elect Mr. Gremaux with proceeds going toward the purchase of a turkey for a needy family.

December brought a Christmas Party which was held at Tammy Thompson's home. Later, members sold daffodils and raised nearly \$100 for the American Cancer Society. A new activity held this year was an Easter Egg Hunt in April for children of the faculty.

The FHA officers for the 1981-82 year included Lisa Miller, president; Tammy Thompson, vice president; Christy Hahn, secretary-treasurer; Julie Hacha, reporter; and Pam Murphy, recreation leader.



The FHA members includes FRONT ROW: Julie Hacha, Tammy Thompson, Lisa Miller, Christy Hahn and Pam Murphy. BACK ROW: Sponsor Mrs. Fritts, Brenda Davis, Jodi Grove, Lori Harriett, Tonya Worthington, Mary Perry, Laura Kleinknight, Jolene VanOver, Kris Morris and Sara Longenberger.



Future Homemakers of America President Lisa Miller discusses plans for the upcoming Halloween party with other members during a meeting.

Jane Petzel, John Hiester, Connie Baumgartner, Jenny Umphrey, Sherry Shaw and Mary Steffen get into the Christmas spirit at the German Club Christmas party, which was held at Bear Creek Farms in December.



The German Club consists of **FRONT ROW**: Rob Karas, Debbie Brown, Doug King, Lori Sallach, Jim Streater and Lisa Garrett. **SECOND ROW**: Kelly Brown, Jane Petzel, Vicki Baumgartner, Deb Baumgartner, Lori Umphrey, Cheryl Honegger, Cathie Lohmuller, Greg Baumgartner, Daniel Moser, Clay Taylor, Scot Chandler and Gerry Riveros. **THIRD ROW**: Dee Dee Dillon, Lora Mechling, Connie Baumgartner, Carol Schnerre, Sherri Dustman, Daphne Willett, Dianna Flowers, Barbara Schnerre, Mitch Steffen, Troy Chaffee, Peter Hazelton, Brian Falk and Donna Brown. **FOURTH ROW**: Mary Steffen, Daphne Braner, Sandi Hughes, Heather Pitts, Kelly Brickley, Beth Lohmuller, Mary McArdle, Jill Biberstein, Dawn Gatke, Tanya Isch, Bill Record, Dave Butler, and Brian Isch. **FIFTH ROW**: Tammy Perry, Amy Lobsiger, Angela Grusd, Cheryl Schorey, Kris Gerber, Peggy Curran, Erin Pitts, Ingrid Gatke, Maria Sprunger, Shawn Burke, Kendra White, Sherry Shaw and Sherry Brickey. **SIXTH ROW**: Jim Paxton, Jim Hiester, Jim Carr, Mr. Schwartz, Denny Meyer, John Hiester, John Struver, Kurt Kipfer, Nathan Chandler, Trent Reimschisel, Chris Newell and Rick Mettler.



Sponsor Tom Schwartz, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Nash, President Cathie Lohmuller and Vice President Cheryl Honegger conducted the various events held by the German Club.

German and Spanish Clubs Promote Cultural Variety

The festivities for the German Club and Spanish Club were led by Tom Schwartz and Sheldon Shalley, respectively.

Spanish Club festivities began with a fall banquet held for the initiation of members coming into the club.

On December 10, the club hosted its annual Christmas party. The night of enjoyment held time for piñata breaking, good food and gifts. A dance concluded the nights activities.

The club was entertained at a meeting in March by Ofelia Her-

nandez as she spoke of her travels through Mexico, Spain and Peru.

Ending the year with a spring fiesta, the group gathered at Banditos for dinner.

Spanish Club was led by President Brett Garrett. Other members elected to office were Vice President Courtney Pfister, Secretary Julie Seese and Treasurer Natalie Hay.

German Club just would not be right without having an Oktoberfest, which the club held early in October at the 4-H park. Thirty people showed up to join in the ac-

tivities, food, and to enjoy the mysteries of Jim Streater's magic show held in the pavillion.

Bear Creek farms was chosen as the location for the German Christmas party and the club was entertained by a musical show after a fine meal.

Tom Schwartz conducted the leadership of the German Club along with President Cathie Lohmuller, Vice President Cheryl Honegger, and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Nash.



The Spanish Club consists of **FRONT ROW:** Julie Seese, Natalie Hay, Tina Frus, Kim Miller and Mr. Shalley. **SECOND ROW:** Marlayne Hirzel, Peggy Settle, Teresa Moore, Eric Satterfield, Scott Longenberger, Susanna McCord, Diana Miller and Angie Steele. **THIRD ROW:** Blake Steury, Lisa Blair, Vicki Christianson, Mike Dream, Kurt Byanski, Sue King, Steve Fether, Fred Ilnicki and John Emshwiller. **FOURTH ROW:** Beth Lindsay, Megan Kreigh, Dan Williams, Andrea Miller, Teresa Bardsley, Lana Oman, Jodi Foreman, Camille Brewer, Deb Moser and Kim Brown. **FIFTH ROW:** Andrea Mock, Kelli Allread, Carol Strunk, Bob White, Chris Honegger, Ryan Pike and Jim Royal. **BACK ROW:** Courtney Pfister, Dave Jaskie, Brett Smith, Brad Pike, Mark Patterson, Rick Miller, Kyle Wetholter, Tracy Cross and Brett Garrett.



Leadership for the Spanish Club was provided by Vice President Courtney Pfister, President Brett Garrett, Treasurer Natalie Hay, Secretary Julie Seese and Sheldon Shalley.

Kurt Kipfer takes a moment to aid Ingrid Gatke in chiseling her dessert at the Y-Teen Banquet.



After an embarrassing day of initiation, Sophomore Y-Teens Kim Brown, Lori Sallach, Jayne Sands and Dianna Flowers gather in the cafeteria for competition in costume originality.



The Y-Teens include FRONT ROW: Lisa Miller, Jo Ellen Swartz, Susanna McCord, Lori Harriett, Susan Maynard and Brenda Emshwiller. SECOND ROW: Renae Robinson, Amy Dohrman, Pam Murphy, Jodi Grove, Julie Hacha, Sara Longenberger, Lisa Betz and Laura Kleinknight. THIRD ROW: Brenda Davis, Dawn Perry, Peggy Settle, Lori Smith, Dawn Betz, Angie Steele, Diana Miller, Jenny Baumgartner and Fawn Moser. FOURTH ROW: Debbie Barnell, Diann Breedlove, Penny Croy, Teresa Taylor, Mary Perry, Janet Schaffter, Natalie Hay, Teresa Moore, Mary McAr- dle, Sherry Shaw and Becky Krebs. FIFTH ROW: Kris Gerber, Angie Renner, Peggy Lautzenheiser, Camille Brewer, Rhonda Kernstein, Brenda Cobbum, Lisa Blair, Stacey Speheger, Sanja Shane, Vice President Angie George, Sue Pagin and Stacey West. SIXTH ROW: Kim Brown, Shelly Meyer, Lori Umphrey, Debbie Baumgartner, Sandy Hunnicutt, Karen Sills, Lisa Bowman, Kim Miller, Tanya Isch, Julie Seese, Dawn Gatke, Jodi Foreman, Pam Shedd and Debbie Stanley. BACK ROW: Secretary Lisa Randall, Andrea Miller, Peggy Pfister, Lana Oman, Vicki Christianson, Sandra Oliver, Cindi Ridge, Michaela Perry, Sue King, Jolene VanOver, Sponsor Liz Gerend and President Kendra White. Vice President Amy Lobsiger is not pictured.





The Dabblers Club includes **FRONT ROW:** Marlayne Hirzel, Lori Harriett, Cindy Szott and Mark Boxell. **SECOND ROW:** Dee Dee Dillon, Peggy Curran, Jane Noe and Lisa Shannon. **ON LADDER:** Brenda Davis, Carla Strong, Secretary Sanja Shane, Vice President Angie Steele and President Tanya Isch. Sponsor Ofelia Hernandez and Treasurer Karen Sills are not pictured.

Members of the Dabblers Club lifted BHS' holiday spirits by painting windows during the Christmas season.



April Snow Cancels Tea, Dabblers Add Yule Spirit

A number of clubs suffered a lack of participation throughout the year because of the absence of home-room, and Y-Teens and Dabblers were no exceptions. However, by scheduling meetings before and after school, both groups were able to accomplish most of their activities.

Under the leadership of Liz Gerend, the Y-Teen girls began the year by making plans for the annual Y-Teen Banquet, selecting "A Change of Seasons" as the theme. The girls and their escorts enjoyed dinner, a short film and dancing. Again this

year, the Y-Teens sponsored a Christmas card box and sold carnations for Valentine's Day. As a new activity, the club arranged for a movie, "Chapter Two," to be held after the Winterfest in January. A freak snow storm in April led to the cancellation of the Mother-Daughter Tea, an annual event. To take the place of the tea, a reception was held after school. Refreshments were served and new officers were initiated.

The Dabblers Club, with Ofelia Hernandez as a new sponsor, kicked off the school year with a meeting to

vote for officers and to discuss activities. A major activity was begun in early December when members decided to bring a little bit of Christmas spirit to BHS. With the help of beginning art students, the Dabblers Club painted Christmas scenes on windows throughout the building. Two months later, members gathered in the home-ec kitchen for a "do-it-yourself pizza party." A tole painting demonstration scheduled in May was canceled due to the lack of funds. One week later, the group traveled to Bandito's to close out the year.

To earn money for the Drama Club and Thespian Troupe, Jim Hiester, Dawn Gatke and Jenny Umphrey open the concession stand window at half-time of a home basketball game.

Cast members for "Common Clay Courtroom Burlesque" Jim Hiester, Scott Carr, Lisa Shedd, Angie Steele, June Higgins, and Judy Shaw read through their parts one final time before opening on the courthouse plaza.



Senior John Hiester, portraying Jason Carmichael in his speech "A Romantic Comedy," realizes that he is stark naked in front of a complete stranger.



Fine Arts Clubs Seek Out Talent

The Drama Club, Speech Team and Classical Music Club each found increased participation with the addition of the freshmen and sophomore classes. These three subdivisions of the Fine Arts Department added several new activities to the calendar of school events.

Thespian Troupe No. 50 and the Drama Club teamed up under the leadership of Sponsor Denise Norman. The club members saw the annual Street Fair as an excellent opportunity to begin the year with new activities. On the courthouse steps, the groups performed an old-fashioned melodrama, "Common Clay Courtroom Burlesque," to a syncopated beat and had clowns entertain the crowds on opening night of Street Fair. Fall brought auditions for the all-school musical "Once Upon A Mattress," the ever-popular musical-comedy performed

to two near-capacity crowds. During the Christmas season, the dramatics group performed four readers' theatre shows for the State Farm Bureau. The following month, production rehearsal began for "The Good Doctor." The arena-theatre show, like its predecessor, performed to near-capacity crowds. The end of the year produced initiation of many Thespians into the honored group at a special banquet.

The Speech Team, better known as the Talking Tigers, had a most successful year. Marking distinct highlights of the season were Lisa Shedd receiving her Degree of Excellence and Judy Shaw bringing home the most ribbons throughout the seven month season. At the end of the year, seven Talking Tigers placed in Sectional at Northfield High School. Nathan Chandler went to Huntington North Regional

in Boys' Extemporaneous Speaking with teammate Jill Engle in the Girls' category. Judy Shaw and Chris Newell placed in the top eight in Dramatic and Oratorical Interpretation. In Humorous and Dramatic Interpretation, John Hiester and Angie Steele earned alternate positions in the regional. To raise the morale of the team, the Speech Team held a Sectional Banquet near the end of the season. The Speech Team sided with the Drama Club to have a Christmas Party and to sponsor a dance, featuring the infamous "Airband Contest."

The Classical Music Club, sponsored by Tom Schwartz, was met with a new system that offered no homerooms and limited its activity. With only a couple of meetings the entire year, the club did grow through those few gatherings.



In preparation for sectional, Extemporaneous Speaker Jill Engle perfects her speech with the aid of an instant replay camera.

The Speech Team consists of FRONT ROW: Chris Newell, Trent Reimschisel and President Nathan Chandler. SECOND ROW: Phil Moser, Spirit Chairperson Angie Steele, Media Correspondent John Hiester, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Shedd, Susanna McCord, and Tammy McCarty. BACK ROW: Scott Carr, Mike Wright, Roy Streater, Jill Engle, Sponsor Denise Norman, Tina Thompson and Jim Hiester.



The Drama Club consists of FRONT ROW: Jenny Kaehr, Becky Krebs, Secretary Angie George and Vice President Angie Steele. SECOND ROW: Mike Wright, Susanna McCord and President John Hiester. BACK ROW: Scott Carr, Tina Thompson, Tammy McCarty, June Higgins, Lisa Blair, Treasurer Lisa Shedd, Jim Hiester, Phil Moser, Dawn Gatke, Sponsor Denise Norman and Chris Newell.

The Classical Music Club consists of SEATED: Dee Dee Dillon. STANDING: Amy Lobsiger, Cathie Lohmuller, Beth Lohmuller, Chris Newell, Nathan Chandler, Sponsor Tom Schwartz, Rob Rosenbrock, Trent Reimschisel, John Struver and Blake Steury.



Extra! Extra! Time, Energy, Money

What happens when you put twenty-three seniors and juniors in a small room for one period a day, five days a week, nine weeks a quarter and four quarters a school year, PLUS weekends and vacation days? Certainly you have utter confusion, but you also get a remarkable finished product called the *Retrospect* and fifteen issues of the *Comet*.

The staff was periodically set back by school cancellations due to the severe Winter weather. Deadlines were missed and rescheduled and late night sessions became common for Adviser Diane Wright, *Retrospect* Editor Mike Hinesley and *Comet* Editor Randy Meyer.

There were other hardships found in room 216. One half of all the student population was new this year, so identifying new faces was a problem. Exposed film, blurred pictures and contaminated chemicals plagued photographers throughout the year.

Major factors concerning the theme and cover design of the *Retrospect* required additional consideration in order to complement the Centennial year. After a period of long debate, "Taking Precedence" was the chosen theme. Changes in the *Comet* dealt mainly with the addition of a cartoon, "Jake," by Tanya Isch and more feature articles by various staff reporters.

In November, the Pub Staff sponsored the Third Annual Pub Dance as a fund raiser. This year's

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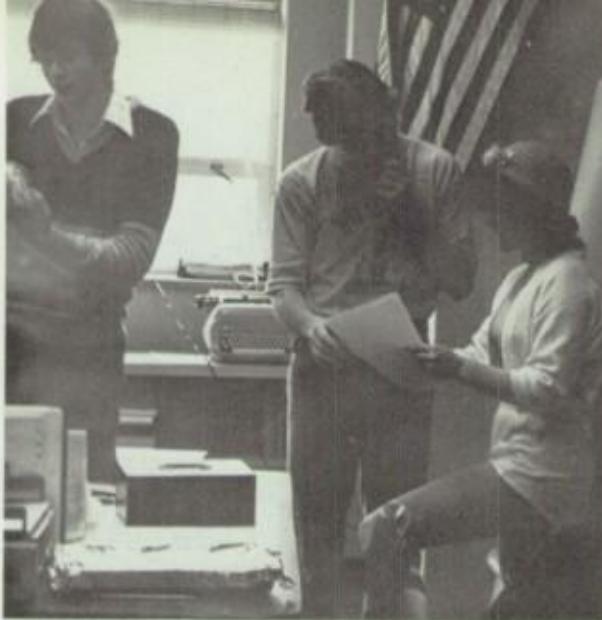
dance theme was "Freaky Friday" which was appropriate for the scheduled date of Friday the Thirteenth.

The staff worked hard this year to provide the student body with pertinent information and to capture the year's history in pictures and words.

Comet Editor Randy Meyer looks on as Randy Brinneman helps Sports Editor Chris Corle make predictions for a "Chris' Comments".

Taking on the form of a car, the Pub Class presents one of the most humorous skits of the year before the basketball sectional.





Dressed up for "Crazy Day", Miss Wright gets serious as she assists John Struver with an important *Comet* assignment.



Caught at the other end of the camera is the Photography Staff which includes Lynn Squier, Susanna McCord, Julie Hacha, Rea Masterson, Nancy Noonan, Courtney Pfister and Pam Murphy. Not pictured is Editor Mary Steffen.

Checking for *Comet* errors are Editor-in-Chief Randy Meyer, Sports Editor Chris Corle, Feature Editor Shari Stauffer and News Editor Susanna McCord.

Council Forms Special Committees

The Student Council, sponsored by Floyd Soper and Gary Oxenrider, went through some organizational problems at the beginning of the year due to the absence of homerooms. Dedicated members attended early morning meetings before school to solve problems and introduce new ideas, while other members were never seen at a single meeting.

The Council completed many projects. Approximately sixty students stretched out in the commons area to donate blood to the Allen-Wells Chapter of the Red Cross. The Sam Rhine convocation kept students silent as they learned about problems associated with teenage

pregnancy. And the "Great American Smoke-Out" made some students think twice about lighting up. But the problem of the lack of soap dispensers was never solved for the second year in a row.

Two special committees were formed within the Council. The Student Involvement Committee, headed by John Hiester, was responsible for promoting school spirit. To meet this goal, the group put up a bulletin board and posted the results of sporting events. Also, the Centennial Committee was formed by Jenny Kaehr. This group presided over graduation plans for the 100th graduating class.

The Student Council officers, SEATED: Treasurer Debbie Brown and Secretary Angie George STANDING: Vice President Denny Meyer and President Brett Garrett, provided the leadership in planning activities.



Student Council members are FRONT ROW: Stacey Speheger, Cathie Lohmuller, Mary McArdle, Andrea Miller, Penny Croy, Pam Murphy and Angie Steele. SECOND ROW: Sue King, Lisa Bowman, Julie Gilbert, Kendra White and Tanya Isch. THIRD ROW: Trent Reimschisel, Bill Record, Kelly Brickley, Daphne Steury, Julie Hacha, Dave Surfus and Chris Corle. BACK ROW: Denny Meyer, John Hiester, Mike Hinesley, Mike Blair, John Struver, Brett Garrett and Randy Brinneman.





Displaying the Centennial logo are Centennial Committee members **FRONT ROW:** Amy Lobsiger, Cathie Lohmuller, Becky Krebs, Angie Steele, Lisa Shedd and Sherry Shaw. **SECOND ROW:** Jenny Kaehr, Jill Engle, Kendra White, Ingrid Gatke, Jane Petzel, Shelley Oliver, and Brenda Emshwiller. **BACK ROW:** Trent Bucher, Trent Reimschisel, Brett Garrett, Chris Newell and John Hiester.

The Student Involvement Committee, John Hiester, Jill Engle and Teresa Harter, post current announcements and sports scores on the new bulletin board.



Centennial Committee members Chris Newell, Cathie Lohmuller and Ingrid Gatke exchange ideas for the upcoming graduation.

Student Council members and parents break for lunch during a Student Council Parent Day during which the community members were able to tour the renovated building.

Student life varied as much as the students attending BHS. Street Fair, however, served as a common gathering point for most students in late September. One predictable attraction is locally run Mettler's Fish Stand.

Residents between Ft. Wayne and Bluffton were reminded of the Bluffton Free Street Fair when the trolley rolled through, advertising the 1908 event.



STUDENT LIFE

Fever Spreads To Bluffton

Bleep, zap, boom, buzz! Lights flicker, fingers frantically press buttons and excited voices can be heard as a game ends and another quarter links through the slot — typical arcade scene.

The town of Bluffton was no exception as the video craze erupted across the United States. The craze started here with a few games in local businesses and grew until

two arcades, Sky Lab and Get-A-Way, were opened in Bluffton. Students soon discovered that video game addiction is similar to poison ivy — it gets under the skin and spreads quickly. Several hours and quarters were spent at the arcade as the condition worsened.

Video game addiction was not confined to arcades, however. According to a survey, over half

of the students at BHS own home video systems. In addition, the computers in the school offered students the challenge of programming their own video games.

While Centipede, Frogger and Space Invaders were popular games, Pac-Man proved to have the largest influence. The song, "Pac-Man Fever" was followed by Pac-Man tee shirts,

board games and even pajamas.

Unfortunately, there were a few drawbacks. Serious video players reported injuries ranging from tendonitis, or Space Invader wrist, to nervous breakdowns. However, none of these side effects was able to stop video game addiction from spreading.



Kris Morris, Regan Kreigh and Ryan Pike cheer on Scott Irvin as he attempts to get the high score on Galaga.



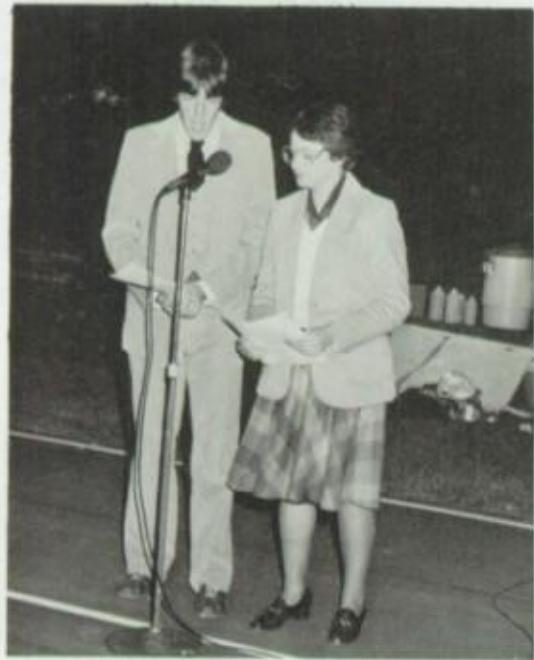
Andy Carnall and Mark Miller spend studyhall time in the computer room to play Scarfman.



It appears that Sophomore Steve Fether has been inflicted with the dreaded "Pac-Man Fever".

Making last minute preparations, queen candidates and their escorts wait to be announced.

Although the night was cold, Fall Festival Queen Christi Hahn still manages to give a warm smile.



John Hiester hides the embarrassment of ripping his pants before joining Angie Steele to announce the queen, the court, and their escorts.



The court gracefully hides the chill of the freezing temperatures while waiting for the crowning of the queen.

Winterfest Fun Picks Up Where Coronation Left Off

With a chilly 27° temperature, Bluffton was reported to be the coldest spot in Indiana on the eve of October 2. Despite the cold, loyal Tiger fans turned out to cheer on the football team and to find out who was to be chosen as the Fall Festival Queen.

During half-time of the Culver Military game, the suspense was relieved as Christi Hahn was crowned queen by Principal Byanski. The Tiger gridders then came on strong in the second half to capture a homecoming victory.

The Senior princesses for the night were Jodi Grove and Deb Love, who were escorted by Andy Shively and Kurt Kipfer, with Brett Garrett escorting Christi. The junior class chose Stacey Speheger as their princess and Mike Deam escorted her to the float. Sophomore Rodney Bucher escorted Andrea Miller, and Beth Meyer was freshman princess with Gerry Riveros as her escort.

MC's for the night were Seniors John Hiester and Angie Steele. Ingrid Gatke was in charge of the flowers and Tracy Cross and Andy Carnall served as ushers.

Due to several scheduling conflicts, the Fun and Games portion of the Fall Festival took place during

the basketball season with hopes of generating spirit for the upcoming Norwell game.

The first Winterfest, sponsored by the student council, took place on January 8 in the gym. The master of ceremonies for the night was Senior Brett Garrett, with Angie Steele serving as chairman of the Fun and Games.

The skit portion of the event was opened by the freshmen with "Coaches Corner." The sophomores performed "The Cat Cave", a takeoff of the television show "Batman and Robin". The junior class gonged the Knights in the "Gong Show", and the seniors finished off the skits with their version of "Beat the Clock".

The first competitive event of the night was the three-legged race with Juniors Beth Lohmuller and Mary McArdle capturing the win. Sophomore Joel Christian out ate all his competitors in the mini-pie eating contest. The tug-of-war gave the 1982 championship to the Freshmen girls and the Sophomore boys with the Sophomore Class winning the co-ed championship.

With the creation of Winterfest, Bluffton may have a new tradition for the start of its next hundred years.



Gong Show host Mike Parsons encourages the audience to be athletic supporters as Co-host Mark Biddle tries to control his laughter.

The agony of defeat does not seem to bother the juniors as they are knocked out of the Tug-of-War competition by the seniors.

Prince Dauntless (Phil Moser) quizzes Princess Winnifred (Becky Krebs) in hopes that she will pass the Queen's test to prove she is a true princess.

A pregnant Lady Larkin (Beth Lohmuller) and her lover Sir Harry (Tom Link) plot to get Prince Dauntless a wife so that they can also marry.



The people behind the scenes and in the pit kept the play together. Those people include Dawn Betz, Sherry Brickey, Orchestration Director Brad Roberts, Daphne Braner, Jeff Higginbottom, Jim Royal, Student Director Susanna McCord, Vocal Director Pam Hoopingarner and Libretto Director Denise Norman. (Not pictured: Assistant Student Director Kris Hinesley).

The King (John Hiester) silently holds the hand of the Queen (Lisa Blair), head of the royal family, as Dauntless (Phil Moser) sits at his mother's feet.





Bidding for the spot as Dauntless' wife, Natalie Hay is questioned by the wizard (Jim Hiester) as part of the test to find a true princess.

In one of the most humorous parts in the play, the entire cast boogies down to the beat of the "Spanish Panic" at the royal ball held in Winnifred's honor.



Underneath The Stage Lights

As the lights dimmed and nervous, excited actors waited back stage, the minstrel (Kenny Garrison) emerged from the audience to begin his prologue for *Once Upon A Mattress*.

From the prologue, the audience learns that the musical is taken from the fairy tale, *The Princess and the Pea*. The plot of the play is to find a "true princess" to marry Prince Dauntless (Phil Moser) so that Queen Aggravain (Lisa Blair) will allow other couples in the kingdom to marry. The plot is complicated by the over-protective and bossy Queen who designs unpassable tests for all princess candidates.

Many sub-plots evolve

out of the major scheme. The kingdom of frustrated adults become desperate to marry, especially Lady Larken (Beth Lohmuller) and Sir Harry (Tom Link) who discover that they will soon become parents. In the meantime, the Swamp Princess Winnifred (Becky Krebs) enters the scene to try her hand at passing the Queen's "true princess" test. After discovering that Winnifred would be tested for sensitivity by placing a pea under twenty mattresses, the minstrel helps others devise a plan to keep Winnifred from falling asleep. To the Queen's surprise, the exhausted Winnifred passes the test. But not all is well in the

kingdom.

The domineering Queen refuses to accept Winnifred, and a love-struck Dauntless finally stands up to his mother. Shocked by her son's sudden courage, the Queen becomes speechless and King Sextimus (John Hiester) finds his voice for the first time in the play, breaking a spell of silence. Needless to say, everyone lived happily ever after.

But what will be remembered by the nearly 900 people who viewed the play? A newcomer to the stage, Lisa Blair, gave an unforgettable performance as Queen Aggravain. John Hiester's silent pantomimes and Groucho Marx antics were hilar-

ious. The bumbling but innocent Prince Dauntless came alive under the skin of Phil Moser. And the ever-talented Becky Krebs proved that she was an experienced veteran of the stage as Princess Winnifred.

The standing ovation on the second night of the performance proved the production a success. As the final curtain fell, a sigh of relief was heard from the crew and cast. Director Denise Norman noted that the laughs and applause made all the grief and problems of putting on the first major production of the year seem to disappear.

With dental instrument in hand, Kurytain (Jim Royal) prepares to examine his first patient, Sister Elizabeth (Jayne Sands), during a scene in "The Surgery".



In order to make a good impression on Anton Chekov in "The Audition," Nine Zarechnaya (Angie George) laughs as she remembers one of Chekov's plays.



Author Chekov (Steve Fether in background) writes his memoirs about his first experience with a "lady of the night" arranged by his father, as Chris Newell and Scott Carr recreate the scene.

During a slow motion re-enactment in "The Sneeze," General Brassilhov (Jim Carr) gets ready to hit Ivan Cherdyyakov (Phil Moser), while the wives (Susanna McCord and Dawn Gatke) try to prevent a scene at the theatre.



While getting ready to go to bed, Nikolaich (Rick Miller) and his wife Irena (Sherry Brickey) unknowingly discuss a man who plans to seduce Irena.

"The Good Doctor" Cures Winter Blahs



A three-quarter thrust stage, an arena theatre, four performance dates, complicated lighting techniques, nine vignettes and no curtains made "The Good Doctor" a truly unique production.

The nine vignettes were events that the writer, Anton Chekov (Steve Fether), had either experienced himself or had seen in everyday life. Of the nine vignettes, Anton actually experienced the action of those in "The Drowned Woman", "The Audition" and the "Arrangement". The vi-

gnettes that Anton had seen in everyday life include "The Sneeze", "The Governess", "Surgery", "The Seduction", "A Defenseless Creature" and "Too Late For Happiness".

Director Denise Norman had to revise the nine vignettes for a larger cast than called for due to a large audition turnout. Because the production was presented with small audiences sitting on the stage, four performance dates were required and the curtains could not be used. This was the first

time that the three-quarter thrust stage was used for a high school production in this area. Standing ovations from standing room crowds on two of the performances paid off for the many hours of the cast's hard work.

According to Norman, "The show was a good experience for actors, actresses and audience because an arena theatre is so intimate." Her final remark about the production was, "It was a real growing experience for the actors. I love them all!"



While in the park, two elderly people, played by Jim Paxton and Beth Lohmuller, come to the realization that they could have been happy together, but now it is "Too Late For Happiness."

In order to get money for her "seriously ill" husband, Madame Schukin (Becky Krebs) kisses the foot of the bank executive, Mr. Kistonov (John Hiester).

New World Record Set

Mary Steffen and Steve Fether "take laps" at the Street Fair and try out the traditional Street Fair munchies.



With the popularity of video games, the arcade tent becomes a favorite spot for Andy Carnall, Rodney Bucher and Jeff Thompson.

The world's longest pizza, carried by cheerleaders and spirit committees of the Wells County schools, put the Bluffton Pizza Hut in the Guinness Record Book.

In September when the leaves begin to turn and a chill is felt in the air, downtown Bluffton is transformed from a typical business district to a hectic and crowded midway of food stands, carnival games and rides. To local residents, the annual Bluffton Street Fair means traffic jams, parking problems and increased security. To students, the fair adds an air of excitement that keeps books in the lockers and studying out of mind. But the inconveniences and distractions are over-looked as residents participate in one last big fling before the winter weather settles in.

If it is true that "ev-

eryone loves a parade," then Bluffton should be the capital for parade lovers. Tuesday night's opening parade for the seventy-first annual Bluffton Street Fair drew a large crowd. Two floats from the high school were entered in the parade. The Bluffton Athletic Boosters put together a float honoring the various sports at Bluffton. The Art classes also entered a float which was awarded first place and made the Dabblers Club \$200 richer.

Wednesday's parade attracted another large audience as bands from the northeast area of the state participated in the band contest. The Ben-

gal Brigade, along with the other county schools, performed in exhibition but were not eligible for awards.

An entrant in Thursday's Industrial Parade put Bluffton in the record books as the Pizza Hut put together the world's longest pizza. One hundred and sixty, one-foot pieces were then sold with the money going to support the Wells County cheerleaders. Another crowd pleaser on Thursday was the Swing Choir Contest, hosted by the Bluffton Swing Era. The group performed in exhibition while votes were tallied.



At Street Fair

Weekends are always special to students but Street Fair weekend has been on the minds of most students since August. By late Friday night, the money that had been laid away for the occasion begins to dwindle as the stomachs bloat with tacos, elephant ears, corn dogs and taffy, and the last lights flicker out on the pinball machines in the arcade tent.

With the realization that "tonight is the last night" most county residents under age 18 find themselves in downtown Bluffton for the fifth night in a row; money or no money. The Drama Club catered to the

penniless on Saturday by performing a piece called "Courtroom Burlesque" on the courthouse plaza. But all activities were cut short early Saturday night as a sudden thunderstorm cleared the streets in record time.

As the rain-drenched fair goers raced to their cars, a mild depression started to set in with the realization that another Street Fair had come and gone and winter would soon follow.

Diana Miller and Angie Steele wait for a Coke from a busy concession stand on opening night.



Athletic Boosters entered a float honoring the BHS Centennial, sports activities and athletes in the opening night parade.



Performing on the courthouse plaza Chris Newell, Mike Wright, Sherry Brickey, Susanna McCord and Becky Krebs listen to testimony in "Courtroom Burlesque."



Hard Work And Determination Pay Off

Bengal Brigade Captures Second Place At State Contest

Almost every morning since school started in August, a person could find a lone band, the Bengal Brigade, giving all it had for the chance to qualify for the NISBOVA Indiana State Marching Band Contest. The long hours paid off as the band captured four first places in the regional contest held at Northrup High School.

The 94 points accumulated by the Bengals surpassed the 80 point requirement for state competition. Along with the first place finish in class D, Bluffton also took first places for outstanding flags, outstanding drum major and outstanding percussion. The victory paved the way for what has become an annual trip to the state competition.

To get a fresh start on the day's tough schedule, the band traveled to Terre Haute on Friday night before the state contest and spent the night at a Howard Johnsons. The next morning, October 31, all seventy-seven band members, clad in new red, yellow and black uniforms, along with thirteen colorguard members, dressed in white and black, clamored onto the buses and made their way to West Vigo High School for the preliminary contest to determine which bands would participate in the finals that night. The Brigade received a first place rating. Excitement filled the air; the goal was to take the first place trophy home for the third consecutive year.

Upon arriving at Indiana State University for the finals, band members put on their uniforms for the last marching competition of the season. There they warmed up, and with final words of encouragement from Director Brad Roberts and exchanged hugs and tears, the Bengal Brigade marched off to the final competition.

With horns held high and gleams in many eyes, the Bengal Brigade showed the crowd and judges that hard work does pay off in the form of an enthusiastic and precise performance.

When the last band had finished, the MC's voice boomed onto the field with the judges' ruling. Fifth place went by, then fourth and third. Then, with a long

pause, the MC announced the second place band: the Bengal Brigade from Bluffton, Indiana. The Bengals fell short of a first place finish, which went to Forest Park from Ferdinand, by five-tenths of a point.

The disappointment was great for the members; tears trickled down many cheeks. The buses, filled with low whispers and a few sniffles, returned to the motel. The members were reminded that they had nothing to be ashamed of and should be proud of themselves.

Returning to Bluffton that night, The Brigade realized that many people in the community were also proud of them and that the band had won a first place in many hearts.



Taking a breather, the band waits the drum majorette's signal to carry out the remainder of the show at the state preliminary.

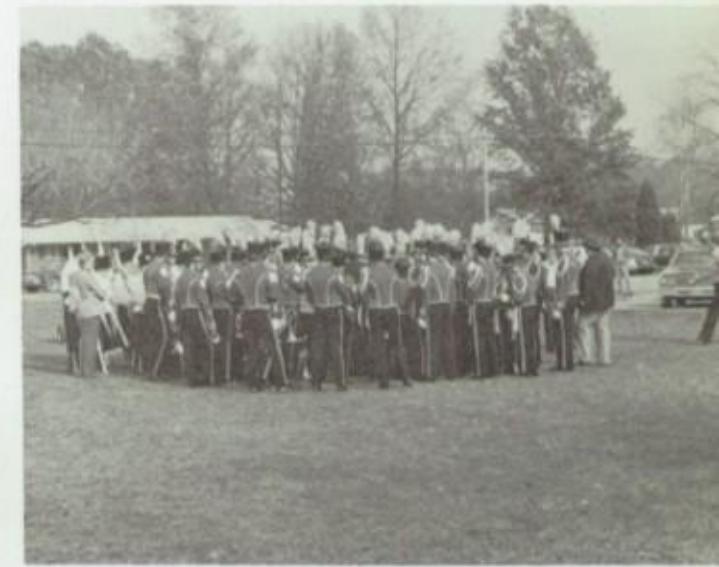
Dave Surfus wails out his solo and Kelly Brown plays the trios with stern concentration in preparation for state contest.





The second place trophy is presented by Jim Gerard to the Bengal representatives Dee Dee Dillon, Cathie Lohmuller and Lora Mechling.

The Bengal Brigade huddles before preliminaries to receive last minute words of encouragement.



Susanna McCord, Kurt Byanski and Marybeth Parsons perform in exhibition while Teresa Bardsley contributes her talents to the intrepid hornline.

On a cool autumn morning, the drumline keeps the beat going in a practice session held in the high school parking lot.

Brigade Spreads Fever

Strange jungle noises filtered through the auditorium along with an anxious sort of excitement on April 2 and 3 as the audience awaited the start of the third annual **Fantasia**.

The time had finally arrived. The lights dimmed, the curtain jingled, the timpani rolled and suddenly the audience was propelled into the Bengal Brigades' jungle fantasy with their version of "Johnny Quest," while the Blaze complimented it with a snappy dance flattered by stunning costumes.

It was proven that band members not only have musical talent, but also acting potential in

the skit "George of the Jungle" as the clumsy but sincere George (Phil Moser) tried to get his wife, Jane (Susanna McCord), to find something funny in his elephant jokes, while searching for their distinguished ape (Jeff Higginbottom) and date (Angie George).

The choral department also helped in the success of **Fantasia** with soloists Kyle Wietholter and Ben Gerber singing "In the Jungle", with back-up help from Dave Carnall, Kenny Garrison, Peter Hazelton and Jim Paxton bringing the authenticity of the jungle and an extra bit of fun onto the stage. Sanja Shane and Dave Browning touched the

hearts of many when they sang "Endless Love."

The show went on, never leaving a dull moment, but as in all shows the finale must come, and the band and choral department did it big with the specially written "BHS Alma Mater" for the 100th graduating class, and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

As the music sounded throughout the auditorium, flashbulbs sparked and balloons showered the audience who gave a standing ovation as the American flags were presented, and the Bengal Brigade once more took a bow for a job well done.



Susanna McCord looks a bit ill as Phil Moser tells another elephant joke in the "George of the Jungle" skit.

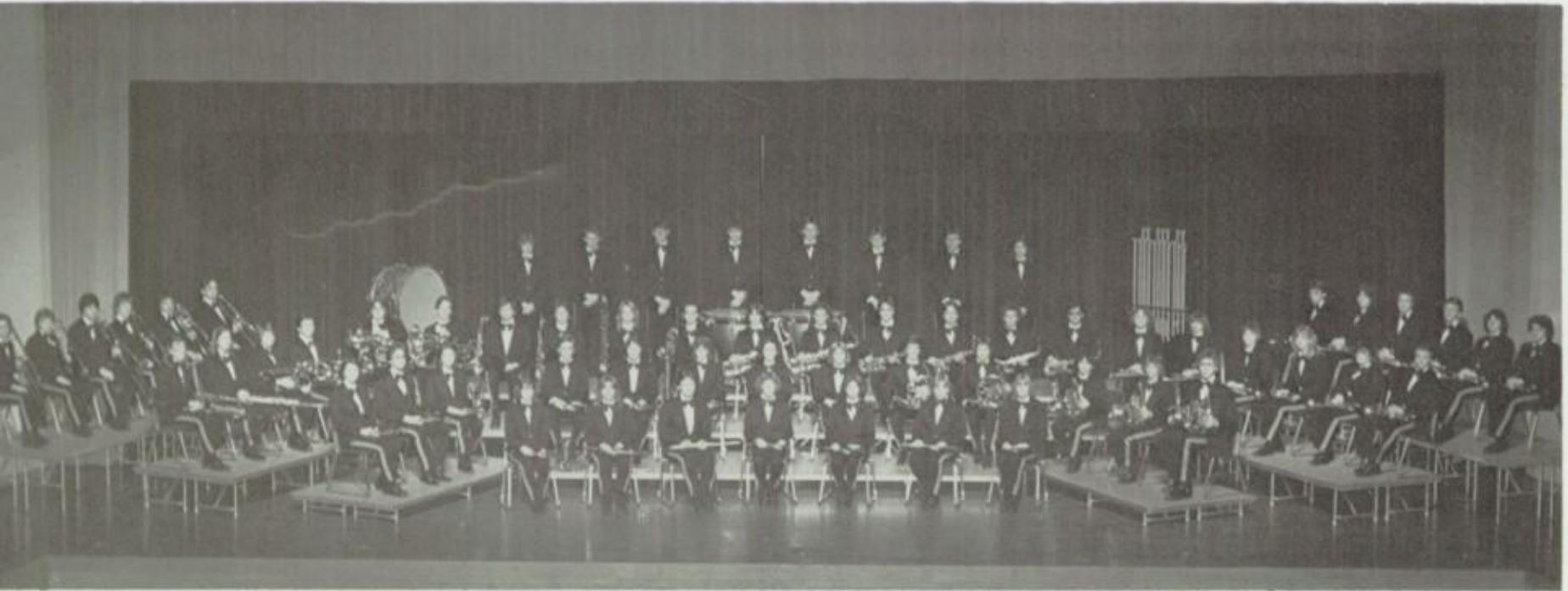
Performing Blaze members are Karen Sills, DeeDee Dillon, Angela Grusd, Mary Steffen, Stacey Speheger, Lisa Garrett, Kim Miller, Lora Mechling, Tammy McCarty and Lisa Bowman.





Jim Paxton looks a bit out of place compared to Kenny Garrison, Dave Carnall, Ben Gerber and Kyle Wietholter as they perform their version of "In the Jungle."

Stacey Speheger is caught up in the excitement of "Johnny Quest" as she performs with the Blaze.



The Bengal Brigade, under the direction of Brad Roberts and Dave Stroop, consists of **FRONT ROW**: Cheryl Honegger, Debbie Brown, Andrea Mock, Cindy Szott, Kim Neidlinger, Cathie Lohmuller and Lori Smith. **SECOND ROW**: Debbie Barnell, Tom Link, Shelly Moyer, Kurt Byanski, Lisa Bradley, Lana Oman, Diana Flowers, Beth Lindsay, Tim Hickey, Julie Gilbert, Lori Sallach, Vicki Christianson and Jeff Higginbottom. **THIRD ROW**: Barbara Schnerre, Marybeth Parsons, Shari Stauffer, Chris Honegger, Steve DeArmond, Phil Moser, Dave Sundling, Susanna McCord, Andrea Miller, Peggy Settle, Carol Schnerre, Wendy Sallach, Dean Mekens, Joe Leitner, Natalie Hay, Mitch Steffen, Kristy VanZant, Shawn Burke, Heather Pitts, Kim Brown, Tina Frus and Tom Steffen. **FOURTH ROW**: Jane Petzel, Mary McArdle, Fred Ilnicki, Terry Vice, Tracy Myers, Hugh Cowgill, Kris Hinesley, Rick Jettler, Steve Harvey, Dean Hudgins, Ryan Pike, Mark Magley, Jim Royal, Kelly Brown, Barry Willits, Teresa Bardsley, **Dave Surflus**, Bill Record, Julie Seese and Lisa Blair.

Hot Moves Cool Voices

The pianos were tuned, the flags were unfurled, and a spark was started that built into a flame of excitement. This excitement was caused by the performing groups in the Choral Department and the Bengal Brigades' Blaze.

The Swing Era and the Chamber and Concert choirs, directed by Pam Hoopingarner, may have never made it to Broadway, but each group brought a lot of enjoyment to the community when they performed at the Rittenhouse on several occasions, as well as performing in convocations, in the band's *Fantasia '82*, and in the Cho-

ral Department's final production, *Spectacular Plus*, ending the year with a huge success.

The Blaze, under the direction of Stacey Roberts, added color and excitement to the band, as they marched to the state competition, where they received a second place.

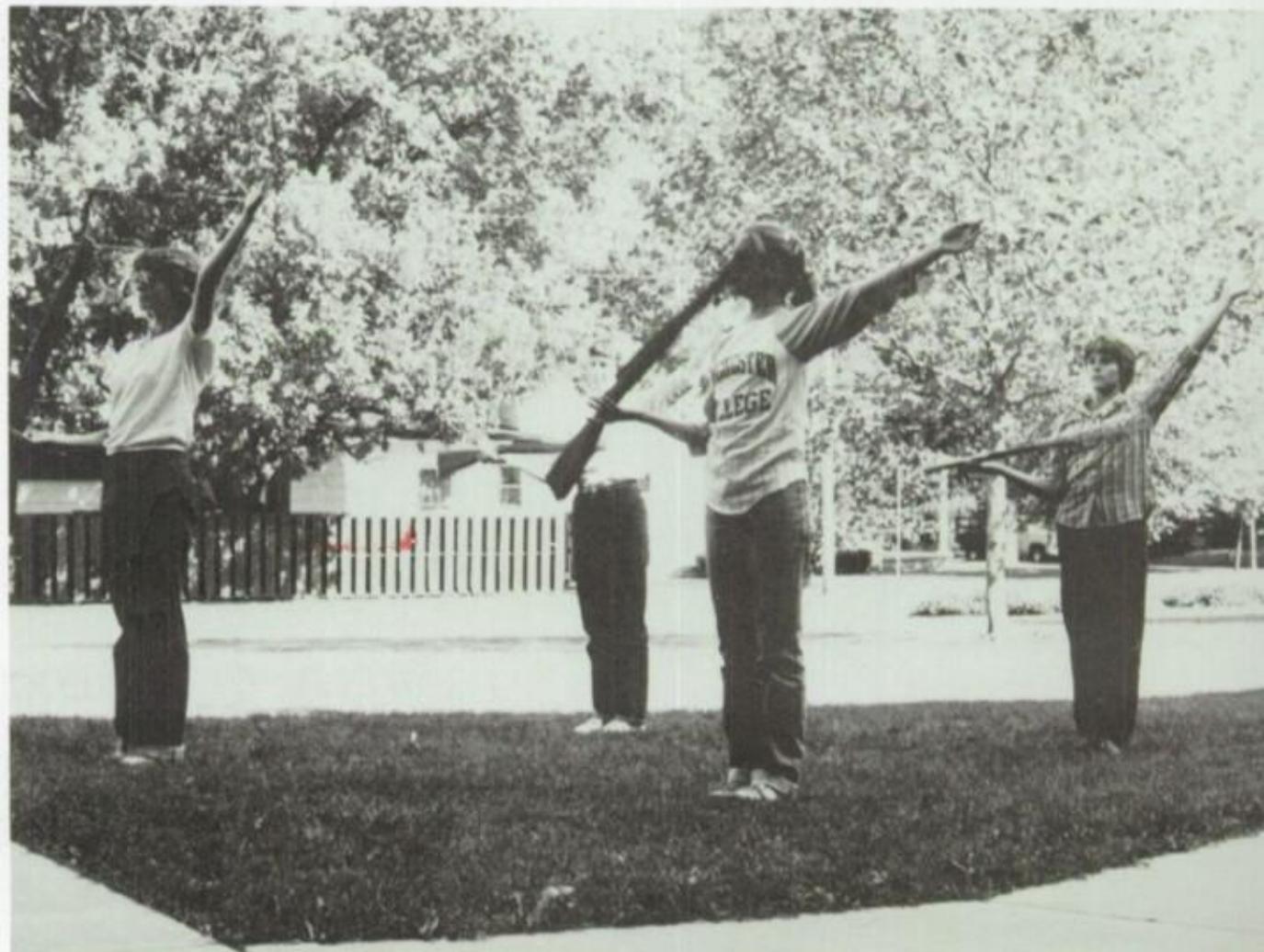
The Blaze members also contributed their dancing skills in *Fantasia '82*, where they brought a flare of life to the band's music.

The Blaze and the Choral Department, showed their talents, and added that extra touch of class to the performing groups of BHS.

Juniors Mary Steffen, Dee Dee Dillon, Lora Mechling and Stacey Spehiger practice rifle twirling on a sunny Saturday afternoon in preparation for the Street Fair parade.

Elephant Dee Dee Dillon and harem girl Lora Mechling practice their exotic dance for the "Elephant Walk."

Dave Browning and Sam Shane add a touching moment to the band's *Fantasia* performance with "Endless Love."



Swing Era members are **ON HOOD**: Beth Meyer, Kyle Wietholter, Peggy Pfister and Chris Corle. **ON ROOF**: Jim Paxton, Beth Lohmuller, Dave Carnall, Jim Korte, Scott Carr, Jim Royal and Dave Browning. **IN CAB**: Cheryl Schorey and Cheryl Honegger. **FRONT ROW ON BED**: Ben Gerber, Lisa Bowman, Kenny Garrison, Tina Thompson, Angie Renner and Stacey Speheger. **SECOND ROW**: Peter Hazelton, Tom Link, Lori Smith, Dave Butler, Daphne Braner, Becky Krebs and Deb Barnell. **BACK ROW**: Brad Pike and Angie George.



Chamber Choir members are **FRONT ROW**: Sue King, June Higgins and Sanja Shane. **SECOND ROW**: Denny Meyer, Kim Miller, Tammy McCarty, Deb Barnell and Carol Strunk. **BACK ROW**: Trent Bucher, Regan Kreigh, Karen Sills, Hugh Cowgill and Dave Browning.



Member of the Concert Choir are **FRONT ROW**: Susan Maynard, Shelly Kummer, Cindy Ridge, Kelly Allread, Evette Davis, Sandy Shaw, Brenda Cobbum and Brenda Steffen. **SECOND ROW**: Marji Azzara, Tracy Taylor, Kim Fear, Candy Zoll, Carla Corle and Kelli Covey. **THIRD ROW**: Julie Wile, Janet Schaffter, Cammy Steffen, Sheryl Humphrey. **BACK ROW**: Cathy Rogers, Debbie Stanely, Dawn Betz, Lori Mann, Leah Huvendick, Lila Brinneman and Sherre Hultz.

Balloons And Audience Rise For The Occasion

The Bluffton High School's Swing Era, Chamber, and Concert Choirs performed in their spring finale production, Spectacular Plus.

Spectacular Plus were the only words to describe this musical performance, as the choirs mixed popular songs, gospel music, love songs, country music, roaring twenties' numbers and a vaudeville act to create a show that kept its audi-

ence responsive and eager for more.

The Swing Era gave the audience fair warning when they sang "Start of Something Big," and big it was as they went from foot-stomping square dancing to the rag-time Charleston.

Director Pam Hoopengarner kept alive the saying, "the show must go on," when she fell from the stage at dress rehearsal and cracked a few ribs,

yet returned to finish the show.

The entire cast gathered on stage as they sang their final number, "Holy, Holy" to the First United Methodist Belaires music, and helium filled balloons rose to the ceiling and the audience rose to their feet with thundering applause in appreciation for the Choral Departments hard work and fine talent.



Memories from the twenties are stirred as the Charleston is performed in the fabulous Spectacular Plus.

Jim Paxton and Beth Meyer swing into dance to the sound of "That Good Ol' Mountain Dew".





*The 4-H Park is the setting for this portrait of the Swing Era which performed in **Spectacular Plus**.*



Also performing in **Spectacular Plus** was the Jazz Band which includes **FRONT ROW**: Jim Royal, Ryan Pike, Joe Leitner, Mitch Steffen, Dean Smekens, Tom Link, Natalie Hay, Kim Neidlinger and Debbie Brown. **SECOND ROW**: Jeff Higginottom, Jane Petzel, Tracy Myers, Fred Ilnicki, Terry Vice and Mary McArdle. **BACK ROW**: Tina Frus, Julie Seese, Lisa Blair, Teresa Bardsley and Shawn Burke.

Other photographs of the **Spectacular Plus** performance did not meet the standards of the 1982 **Retrospect** and therefore do not appear. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Editor



In warmer weather, Bummie's serves as the south turn-around where Dawn Betz and Susanna McCord stop for a root beer.

Regan Kreigh proves that the volleyball slumber party was not for sleeping or for looking your best the next morning.



cheering the Tigers in a come-back victory at homecoming were Debbie Stanley, Tammy Thompson and Julie Hacha.

The Pub sponsored "Freaky Friday" dance brought out the bizarre in students to kick off a weekend in November.



Jeff Higginbottom spends some time with his broom on weekends to help meet financial needs.



Long Awaited, Quickly Passed

Like a parched animal who senses an upcoming waterhole in the middle of the desert, BHS students struggle through the long and occasionally monotonous school week to their oasis, the weekend.

On Friday afternoon when the 2:35 p.m. bell rings, doors fly open, people scatter throughout the school and in record-breaking time, the halls are cleared of all human life.

On Friday night, most books are left on tables (if they find their way home) to collect dust, and students progress to parties, local arcades, cruise town, or return to the gym or stadium to cheer the Tigers on to a hopeful victory.

Saturday morning finds many alarm clocks silent while students catch up on their sleep. But by evening, it's time to get back out on the town, set out for Fort Wayne, or possibly to Ohio where the drinking age is only eighteen and many taverns are lax, or just spend a quiet evening at home with a special friend.

Weekends aren't always constant enjoyment. To meet the rising cost of college or just to make ends meet, many students take a job. If they're lucky enough to find one, most perform restaurant work: washing dishes, flipping hamburgers, or taking orders.

Sunday morning roles around and church-goers roll out of bed while others take advantage of the last chance to sleep in for another week. Books are finally opened as students surrender to the thought of school tomorrow and the test or report that needs attention.

Without a driver's license, laps are impossible, so Jené Pond, Sandi Hughes and Jane Noe find Pizza Hut the next best thing.

Since only members of the Bluffton junior and senior classes were invited to the banquet portion, Jim Glenn, Dean Hudgins, Lisa Betz, Lisa Harshman, and DeLora Hunnicutt arrive as friends.



Juniors Mike Deam and Donna Brown dance to the music of the John Steir's Band after the presentation of the court.

The announcement of the royal court included a brief summary of each member's high school years. Masters of Ceremonies Rick Miller and Angie George lead the presentation.



Ten Magical Hours Of Fairytale Fantasies

"Once Upon a Time," juniors, seniors, and their dates traded in their jeans and sweatshirts for tuxedos and gowns and gathered at a drawbridge that extended over a mote. Together, they crossed the bridge and were met by memories of childhood fairytales. Stars could be seen on the crepe paper ceiling, castles adorned the tables and glass slippers were filled with after-dinner mints. A scene from "Sleeping Beauty" and "Red Riding Hood" were displayed at both ends of the floor.

After a banquet fit for a king, royal music

sounded and the white carpet was rolled out for the coronation ceremonies. The king and queen of this fantasy kingdom were Brett Garrett and Kendra White with their royal court Debbie Love, Randy Brinneman, Lisa Randall, and Tracy Cross. The gym floor kingdom was then entertained by the Homestead Swing Choir.

The fantasy continued as the All-Night Party began with a formal dance and midnight passed quickly while couples danced to the music of the John Steir Band. But no fantasy is complete without a monster,

and Bluffton did not go without. The movie "The Creature from the Black Lagoon" provided theirs in 3-D. Just when it looked like the sandman had crashed the party, the Endgame Band's rock-n-roll music at the informal dance kept prom-goers awake and the rest of the night was danced away. As the gym lights came on at 5 a.m., the seniors kept tradition and tore down the crepe paper streamers. Groggy participants journeyed home while only a handful of juniors met the task of restoring the gym to its previous state.

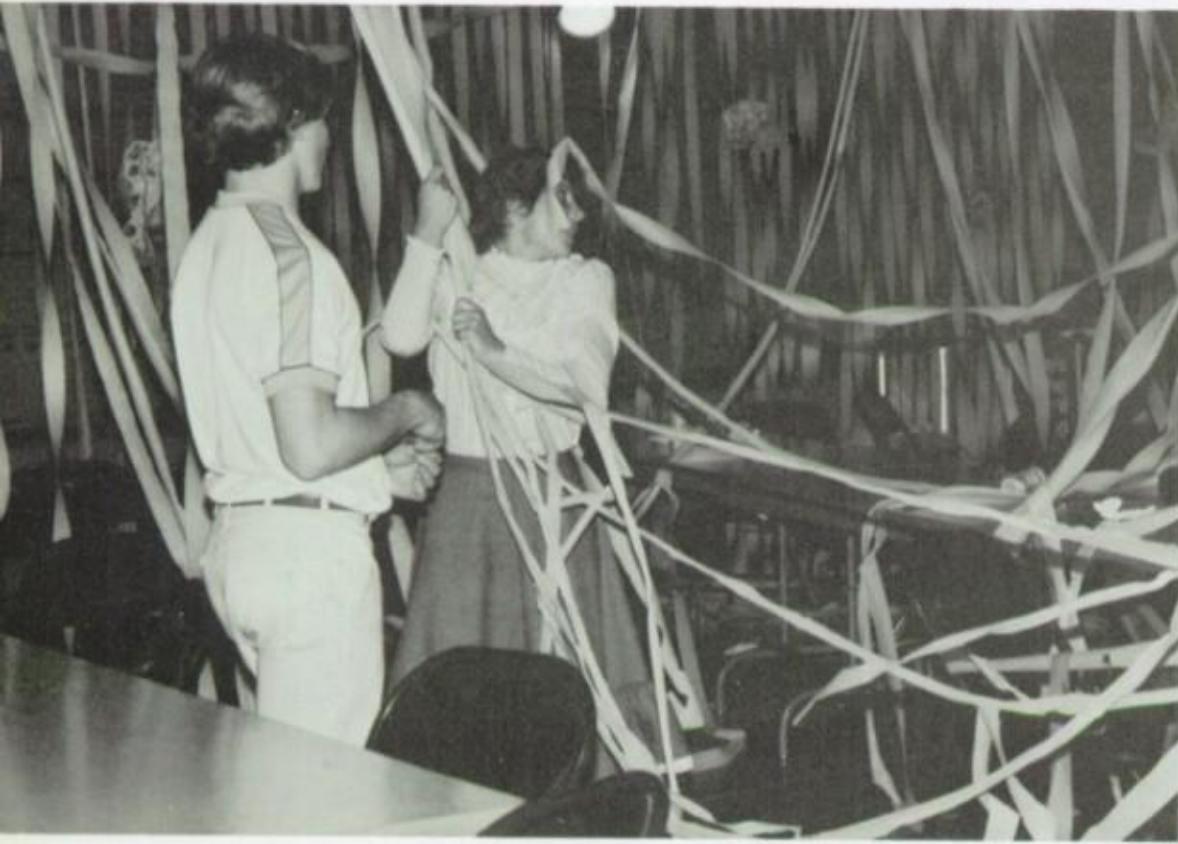


The royal court, elected by fellow classmates, is Tracy Cross, Lisa Randall, King Brett Garrett, Queen Kendra White, Randy Brinneman and Debbie Love.

Brett Smith and Carol Walburn enter the gymnasium to embark upon ten hours of prom events.



From Prom Fantasy



After spending several hard working hours to put up prom decorations, Sanja Shane is reluctant to tear down streamers, but Peter Hazelton reminds her that it is traditional.

Never at a loss for words, Daphne Steury and Tammy McCarty find plenty to smile about at the prom.



Lynn Hamilton enjoys the
brunch and conversation with
classmate Tracy Myers.

The Class of 1982 gathers in
the misty rain after Class Day
for the traditional senior photo.



To Graduation Reality



*Seniors remain standing while
classmates continue to file into
the gym for their last official
act as the Class of '82.*

*Clad in red and black robes,
Laurie Reynolds and Greg
Cale lead the 100th graduating
class into the gym for com-
mencement ceremonies.*

Former principal Fred Park discusses the various location changes of Bluffton High School commencement exercises and the rarity of a 100th graduation.

Senior members join the choir on the flower-decked stage for their final performance.



100th Commencement Ends 100-Day Senior Countdown

Though some seniors began a countdown during the first week of school, it did not gain full force until their return from spring break. At that time, the number of remaining days became dominant on most blackboards. But on Sunday, May 23, the countdown changed from days to minutes as the 124 graduating seniors entered the gymnasium for commencement exercises to the sound of "Pomp and Circumstance."

It was then that sixteen months of preparation was squeezed into one hour and seven minutes of ceremony. Mater of Ceremonies, Senior Class President Randy Brinne man, welcomed guests and introduced speakers. Lisa Shedd first approached the temporary stage to deliver the invocation and was followed by Cathie Lohmuller and her Salutatorian address.

The voices of choral members then filled the crowded gymnasium with

"Out Here on My Own" and "Sometimes."

A presentation on the changes of commencement sites was given by former principal Fred Park.

The formal ceremony continued with Valedictorian Lisa Randall's comparison of the graduating class and the school to the famous tale of the boy and the apple tree.

All that remained were the formalities. Principal Byanski presented the class members to the

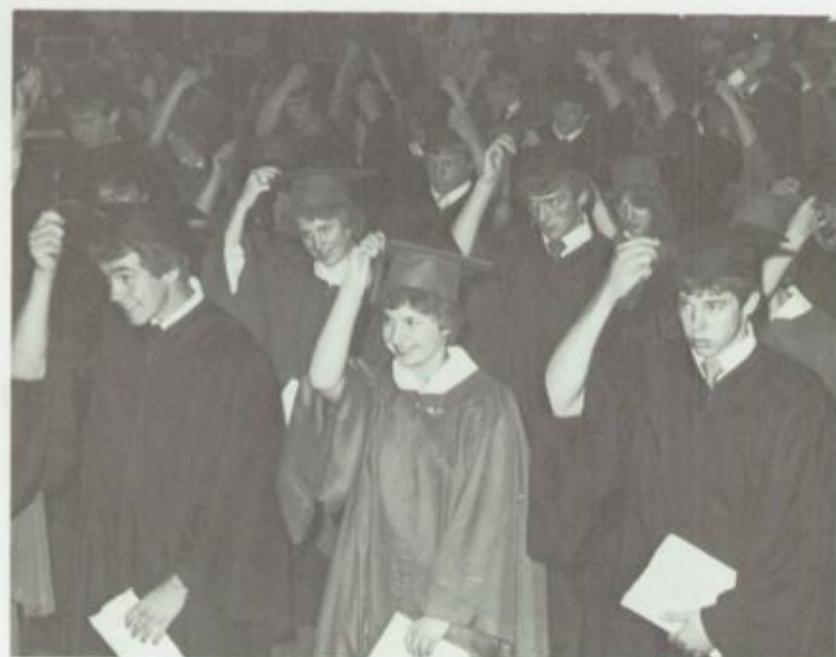
school board and President Barbara Elliott distributed diplomas as class sponsors, Mr. Garton, Miss Hoopingarner, Mr. Wagner, Mrs. Goodspeed and Mr. Kaylor announced the names. Tassels were turned and the number of BHS graduates rose to 6,855.

Reactions varied as the graduates marched from the gymnasium. Tears flowed and fire crackers exploded on the back steps.



Cathie Lohmuller delivers the traditional salutatorian address.

At the instruction of Mrs. Elliott, tassels are turned.



Classmates since kindergarten, David Jaskie and Valedictorian Lisa Randall walk hand in hand from graduation ceremonies to the sound of the recessional music.





Friendships during high school sometimes end after graduation, but Juniors Shari Stauffer and Mary Steffen will probably be the exception to the rule.

Sectional week was quite exciting when nine county schools competed for the championship. Seniors in 1958, Dolly Hasinbiller Cebulash and Judy Thompson Steele, display the newspaper account of the sectional opening. Dolly now resides in California and Judy is a resident of Bluffton.



ALBUM

Never Before Never Again

The Senior Class of 1982 posed no opposition to change and it was noticeable. There was something different about the group.

They gathered and formed a class in 1976; the first day of seventh grade in a new all-modern building. By now they had progressed from Columbian, Poplar Grove, and East Side Elementary schools. Park Elementary was closed in 1972; the students were transferred to East Side and the administration moved in. Their junior high years passed leisurely in a building with an open library, carpeting throughout and outstanding athletic facilities. This was the first class to complete the new building's curriculum.

They were summoned again in the Fall of 1979 to sophomore classrooms, student council meetings, and sports events. But this time it was in an aging, three-story building still holding echoes from 1924.

The class had a hand in bringing home the State Band Championship in 1979 and again in

1980. From there they began working on things like the junior-senior prom. It was financed by the candy sales of their sophomore year. "From Rags to Riches" was the chosen theme and was exemplified in the gymnasium: a fitting place considering the gym went through basically the same process over the following summer.

When the class convened for the final year at B.H.S. they were greeted with a renovated gym and the coveted front row at pep sessions.

The year was filled with pride, and it showed. There was something different about the group. The difference could almost be heard, "We are the 100th graduating class, the Class of '82, and we are 100% B.H.S."

Senior Class Officers are President Randy Brinneman, Secretary Lisa Randall, Treasurer Becky Krebs, and Vice-President Brett Garrett. Brinneman presided over the Class of 1982 for three consecutive years.



Nervously watching the nurse, John Struver prepares to give blood for the Red Cross Blood Mobile. He was one of approximately sixty students who helped supply 104 pints of blood in late September in the commons.



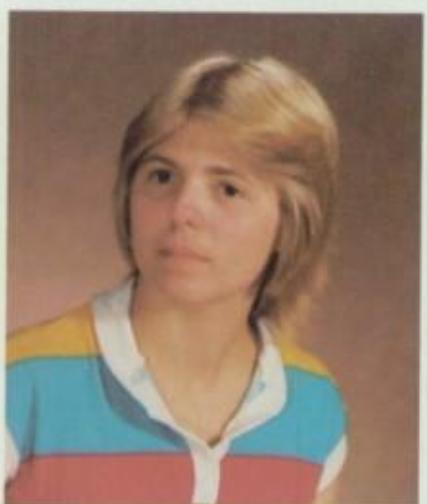
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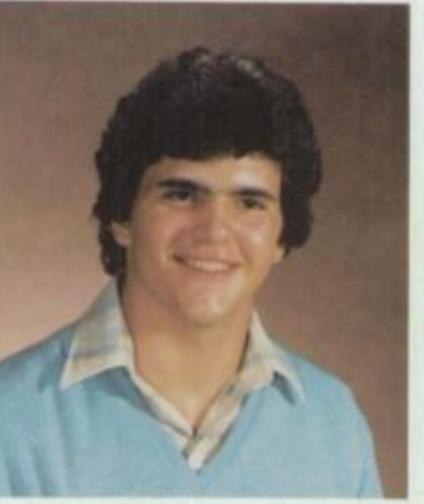
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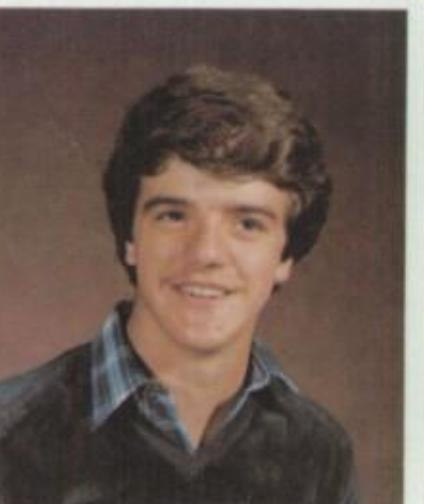
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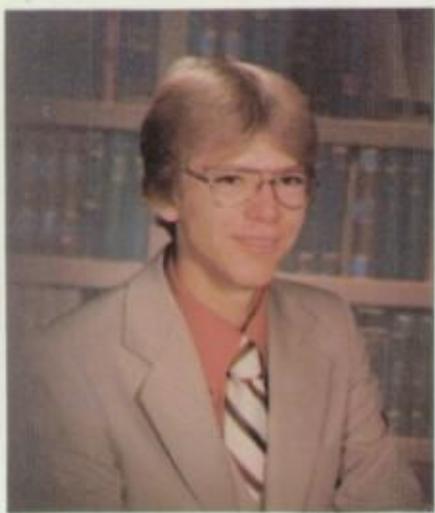


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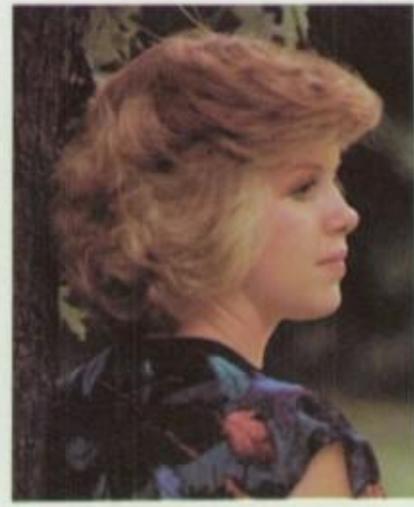
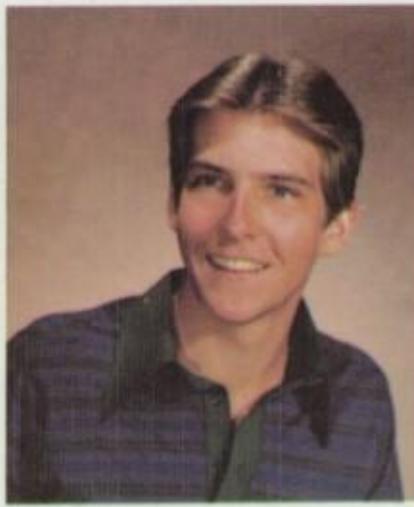


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*Terry
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*Kim
Clanin*

*Georgie
Collier*



*Chris
Corle*

*Hugh
Cowgill*

*Tracy
Cross*

*Brenda
Davis*



*Steven
DeArmond*

*Tim
Dillman*

*Amy
Dorhman*

*Christine
Edington*

Senior Directory To The Class Of 1982

Arnold, Tony: Stage Crew 10-11.

Baumgartner, Becky: Y-T 10-11; Spanish 10; OEA 11; ICE 12.

Baumgartner, Jenny: VB 10; Y-T 10-11-12; OEA 10-11; German 10; ICE 12.

Beer, Kent

Bertsch, Tom: German 10-11.

Betz, Lisa: Track 10; Batgirl 11; Gym. 11-12; Y-T 10-11-12; FHA 12; Cadet 12.

Boggs, Wesley: Track 10-12; FB 10-11-12; Speech 11-12; Play 11.

Bower, Sondra: BB 11.

Breedlove, Ronald: RVS 11-12.

Brink, Dan: FB 10-11-12; Swim. 10-11; BB 12; Track 10-11-12; German 10-11; Stage Crew 11-12.

Brinneman, Randy: FB 10-11, Capt. 12; BB 10; Wrestling 11-12; Track 10-11-12; Class Pres. 10-11-12; Student Council 10-11-12; NHS 11-12; Boy's State 11.

Brown, Kelly: Band 10-11-12; Y-T 10-11-12; German 10-11-12.

Brown, Kim: Golf 11-12; BB 11; Y-T 11; OEA

11-12; ICE 12; Pub. 11.

Bucher Trent: Swim. 10; Health Club 10; Spanish 10; OEA 10-12, Pres. 11; Scholastic 10-11-12; Swing Era 10; Choir 12; National Merit Comm. 12.

Burke, Todd: FB 10-11-12; Track 10-11; Cheerblock 10-11.

Cale, Greg: Cheerblock 10-11; RVS 12.

Campbell, Doug

Captain, Chad: FB Mgr. 10-11; BB Mgr. 12; Office Help 11; AV Help 12; Stage Crew 11.

Carnall, Andy: Tennis 10-11; Swim. 10-11, Capt. 12; German 10-11; Speech 11-12; Stage Crew 10-11-12; Band 10-11.

Carr, Jim: FB 10-11-12; BB 10-11-12; Track 10-11; Baseball 12; German 10-11-12; Student Council 11; Play 12; Band 12.

Chandler, Nathan: German 10-11-12; Classical Music 10-11-12; Speech 11; Pres. 12; Stage Crew 10-11-12; Student Council 12; Scholastic 10.

Christianson, Terry: Band 10; ICE 12.

Clanin, Kim: Y-T 10.

Collier, Georgie: MM 12; Y-T 10-11; Cheerblock

10-11; Play 11; Pub. 12.

Corle, Chris: FB 11; BB 12; Baseball 10-11-12; Spanish 10; OEA 11; Cheerblock 10-11; Swing Era 10-11-12; Play 11; Student Council 12; Pub. 12.

Cowgill, Hugh: Band 11-12; Jazz Band 11; Choir 11-12; AV Help 10.

Cross, Tracy: Tennis 10-11-12; BB 10-11-12; Track 11; Spanish 10-12; OEA 11; Scholastic 10-12; Boy's State 11; Play 12.

Davis, Brenda: Y-T 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; Dab. 10-11-12; FHA 12; Choir 11.

DeArmond, Steven: FB 10-11-12; Wrestling 10-11; German 10-11; Band 10-11-12.

Dillman, Tim: Wrestling 10-11-12; ICE 12.

Dohrman, Amy: Track 10; Y-T 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; Spanish 10; Dab. 10-11-12; OEA 11; Blaze 10; Play 11; ICE 12.

Edington, Christine: Y-T 10-11; FHA 10; Pres. 11; Choir 11; Trebleaires 10; ICE 12.

Psychology students delve deep into the subject and come out with an understanding of mental health and its interactions with society.



News Editor Susanna McCord helps Reporter Jill Engle check for errors in a Com story before the story is submitted for publication.



Senior Enthusiasm Prevails

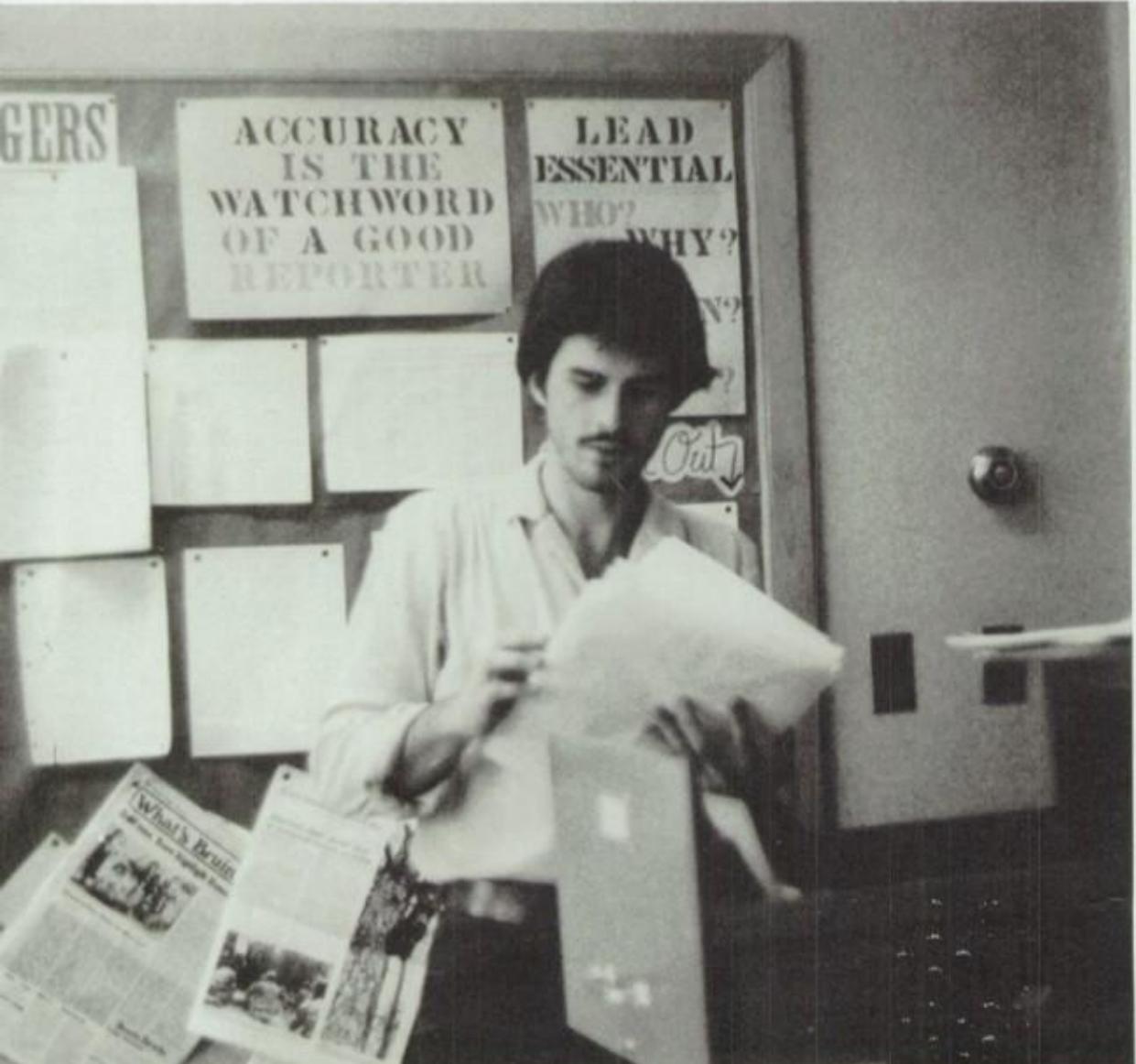


Julie Wile looks over the hectic situation in the green room as the cast members for the fall production prepare for the opening night.

Rick Mettler grimaces as he gives it his all during the tug-of-war at the Winterfest.



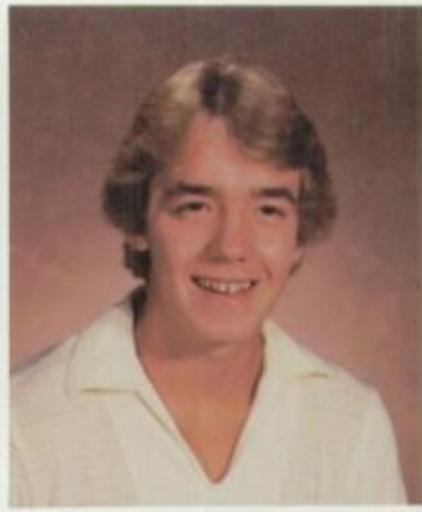
Jim Carr leads the students in a cheer during the pep session on Crazy Day to fire up fans for the evening football game against Norwell.



Nancy Noonan checks to see that her buttons are secure before she enters the Dolly Parton Look-a-like Contest at the Freaky Friday Dance.

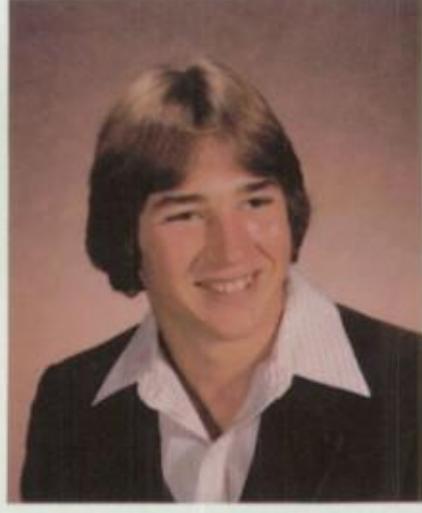
Getting practical experience in the business world, Trent Reimschisel shoulders the responsibility of selling ads for the yearbook.

Brenda
Emshwiller



Kenny
Garrison

Ingrid
Gatke



Jim
Glenn

Charles
Gooley

Tami
Grice

Jodi
Grove



Julie
Hacha

Christy
Hahn

Dave
Harnish

Emshwiller, Brenda: CC 10; Swim. 11-12; BB 10-11-12; Track 10-11-12; Spanish 10-11-12; Y-T 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; Band 10; Scholastic 10; Office Help 11; Cadet 12; Play 11-12; Pub. 12.

Engle, Jill: Y-T 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; FHA 10, Reporter 11; Spanish 10; Drama 11-12; Speech 11-12; Scholastic 10; Play 11-12; Pub. 12; OEA 12.

Garrett, Brett: BB 10-11-12; Baseball 10-11-12; Student Council 11, Pres. 12; Spanish 10, Tres. 11, Pres. 12; Boy's State 11; Play 11-12; Class V-Pres. 11-12; Robert Hannie Memorial Cup 11; Cadet 12.

Garrison, Kenny: Wrestling 10-11-12; Baseball 10; Spanish 11; Drama 11; OEA 11; Speech 11; Swing Era 12; Play 11-12; Choir 10; ICE 12.

Gatke, Ingrid: Tennis 10-11-12; Swim. 11-12; Boys' Swim. Mgr. 10-11; Y-T 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10; German 10-11-12; Band 10-11; Student Council 11-12; Office Help 11; Lib. 12.

Glenn, Jim: Cadet 12.

Gooley, Chuck: Golf 10; Swim. 10-11; German 10-11; Drama 11; Speech 11; Stage Crew 10-11-12.

Grice, Tami: ICE 12.

Grove, Jodi: Y-T 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; Dab. 10; OEA 10-11-12; FHA 12; Office Help 10-11.

Hacha, Julie: Track 12; MM 12; Y-T 11-12;

Cheerblock 10; Dab. 11; FHA Reporter 12; OEA 11-12; Band 11; Pub. 12.

Hahn, Christy: Y-T 10-11; Cheerblock 10-11; Student Council 10; FHA Sec/Tres. 12; OEA 11-12; Office Help 10-11-12.

Harnish, Dave: FB 10-11; Wrestling 10-11-12; Baseball 12; Spanish 10-11; Student Council 10-11.

Harriett, Lori: Track 10; Y-T 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; Dab. 10-11-12; FHA 12; Choir 11; Office Help 12.

Harshman, Lisa: Y-T 10; Cheerblock 11.

Harter, Teresa: Dab. 11-12; Cheerblock 10; OEA 11; Cadet 12.

Hiester, John: CC Mgr. 10; FB Mgr. 11-12; Swim. 10-11, Capt. 12; Track Mgr. 10-11-12; BB Sats. 11; Health Club 10, Pres. 11; Student Council 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; German 10-11-12; Thespians 11, Pres. 12; Drama 11, Pres. 12; OEA 10; Speech 11-12; Stage Crew 10-11-12; NHS 11-12; Scholastic 10-11-12; Play 11-12; Pub. 11-12; Quill & Scroll 11-12; NFL 11-12.

Hinesley, Michael: Tennis 10-11; OEA 10, State Officer 11, Pres. 12; Speech Tres. 11; Cheerblock 10-11; Quill & Scroll 11-12; Student Council 12; Boy's State 11; Play 11; Pub. 11, Editor 12.

Hoffer, Jeff: FB 10-11-12; Swim. 10-11; Wrestling 12; Track 10; Baseball 11-12; German 10-11.

Hudgins, Dean: FB 10-11-12; German 10-11;

Band 10-11-12.

Hunnicutt, DeLora: Track 10; MM 11; Y-T 10-11; Play 11; Office Help 12; Drama Award 11.

Jaskie, Dave: FB 10-11-12; Swim. 10-11-12; Golf 10-11-12; German 10; Spanish 12; Student Council 10.

Kaehr, Jenny: Swim. 10-11-12; Y-T 10-11; Student Council 11; Cheerblock 10-11; Tiger 12; Spanish 10; Thespians 11-12; Drama 12; Play 11-12; Office Help 10-11-12; Cadet 12.

King, Bobby

King, Jim

King, Penny

Kinsey, Ruth: FHA 11; OEA 12.

Kipfer, Kurt: BB 10-11-12; German 10-11-12; Scholastic 10-11-12; Band 10-11.

Kleinknight, Laura: Y-T 10-11-12; German 10-11; Cheerblock 10-11; Dab. 10; FHA 10-11-12; OEA 11-12.

Koenigseker, Brad: FB 10.

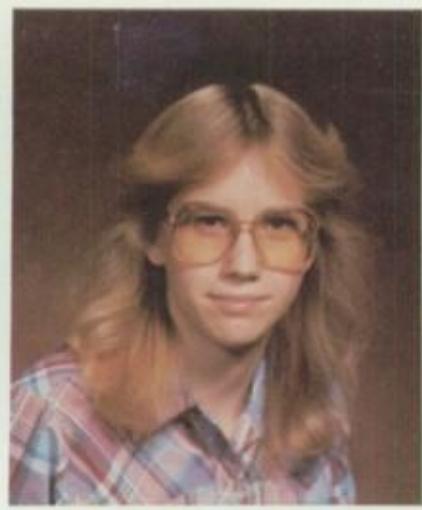
Krebs, Becky: Swim. 11-12; Gym. 10-11-12; Tennis 10-11-12; Cheerleader 10-11-12; Y-T 10-11-12; Student Council 10-11; German 10-11-12; Thespians 11-12; Drama 11-12; OEA 10-11; Speech 11; Scholastic 10; Blaze 10; Swing Era 10-11-12; Play 11-12; Class Sec. 10, Tres. 12; Cadet 12; Hugh O'Brien 10; Psi Iota Xi 11.

Kummer, Tammy: Cheerblock 10; ICE 12.

Leitner, Lisa: German 10-11; OEA 10-11, Sec. 12; Speech 11-12; Cheerblock 10; Trebleaires 10.



Lori
Harriett



Lisa
Harshman



Teresa
Harter



John
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Jeff
Hoffer



Dean
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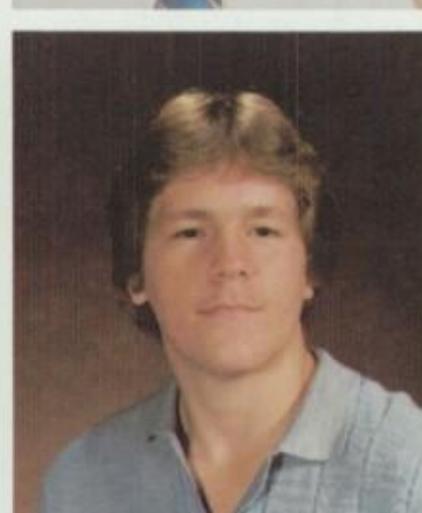
DeLora
Hunnicutt



Dave
Jaskie



Jenny
Kaehr



Bobby
King



James
King



Penny
King



Ruth
Kinsey



Kurt
Kipfer



Laura
Kleinknight



Brad
Koenigseker



Becky
Krebs



Tammy
Kummer



Lisa
Leitner

Making Decisions

Tracy Cross trusts the experienced hand of Angie George to apply stage make-up for rehearsal.

The morning cadet teachers return to their role as a student after two hours of instructing in various community schools and grade levels.



Working for the Public Library after school and on weekends, Sherry Shaw makes a little extra spending money for her high school expenses.

Tom Bertsch braves the distractions of Tony Garton as he attempts to score for the needy of the community. Buckets for Santa raised 500 dollars in its third year.

Only A Beginning



Randy Brinneman hangs up his football cleats and pads, and tries his hand at cheer-leading.

Lisa Shedd and Miss Norman make last minute changes to props for the "Mattress" musical.



"You Can Call Me Ray"

The wind whirled the snow against the window of Room 216. The rest of the students had long since left. Inside, under the fluorescent lights, sat Randy Meyer, editor of the *Comet*, finishing up the latest edition. This was a typical scene no matter what the weather.

Randy's interest in the media began his freshman year after getting a job at the 3,000 watt radio station WCRD in Bluffton. He soon advanced to WOWO of Ft. Wayne, a 50,000 watt station covering 28

states and Canada. He could be heard on Sunday evenings on the program "Mikeside".

Known by some friends as Ray, he hopes his interests will lead him to a career in broadcasting. He certainly has the background and experience.

When asked what attracted him to journalism and the media, he replied, "In radio, it's usually off the cuff and you never know what will happen next. The mass media gives you a sense of power."



Randy Meyer prepares to air a commercial tape at local station WCRD.

Amy Lobsiger



Cathie Lohmuller



Sara Longenberger



Debora Love



Alan Lutz



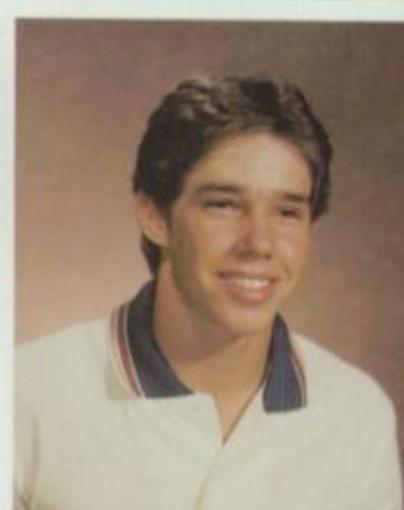
Susanna McCord



Rick Mettler



Dennis Meyer



Randy Meyer



Diana Miller



Lisa Miller



Meyer, Randy: Pub. 12.

Miller, Chuck

Miller, Lisa: MM 11; Cheerblock 10-11; OEA 10-11-12; FHA 11, Pres. 12; Choir 11; Trebleaires 10; Lib. 12.

Misiano, Dede: ICE 12.

Moser, Fawn: VB 10; Y-T 10-11-12; German 10; OEA 11-12; Student Council 10; Choir 11; Trebleaires 10; Lib. 12.

Murphy, Mike: RVS 12.

Nash, Richard: Wrestling 10; German 10-11, Sec/Tres. 12; Scholastic 10-11-12; Student Council 11; Choir 10.

Newell, Chris: CC 10-11, Capt. 12; Track 10-11-12; German 10-11-12; Drama/Thespians 12; Classical Music 12; Health Club V. Pres. 11; Cheerblock 11; Speech 12; Play 11-12; Lib. 11.

Noonan, Nancy: Gym. 10; MM 12; Student Council 10-11; Cheerblock 10; Dab. 10; Blaze 10; Play 11.

Nowak, Tim: FF 10; BB 10-11-12; ICE 12.

Nutter, Karen

Oliver, Shelley: Y-T 10-11; German 10; OEA 12; Office Help 11-12.

Osborn, Jim: Wrestling 10-11-12; Track Mgr. 10-11; RVS 11-12.

Ostrander, Greg: Wrestling 12; Track 10-11-12;

Cheerblock 10; ICE 12.

Perry, Anthony

Petzel, Jane: Y-T 10-11-12; German 11-12; Drama 11-12; Scholastic 10-11; Jazz Band 10-11-12; Band 10-11-12; Play 11-12; Trebleaires 10.

Pfister, Courtney: FB 10-11-12; Swim. 10; BB 11-12; Spanish 10-11, V-Pres. 12; Stage Crew 11-12; Jazz Band 10; Band 10-11; Cheerblock 10; Cadet 12.

Pitts, Erin: Swim. 10; Tennis 10-11-12; Y-T 10-12; German 10-11-12; NHS 11-12; Band 10-11; Blaze 10-11; Lib. 12.

Powell, Kent: Tennis 10-11; Track 10-11-12; German 11.

Randall, Lisa: VB 11; Tennis 10-12; Cheerleader 10-11-12; Y-T 10-11, Sec. 12; Student Council 10-12; German 10-11; NHS 11-12; Scholastic 10-11-12; Class Sec. 11-12; Cadet 12.

Reimschisel, Trent: CC 10-11; Track 10-11-12; German 10-11-12; Student Council 10-12; Classical Music 12; OEA 10, State Tres. 11-12; Speech 11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; Scholastic 10, Pub. 11-12.

Reynolds, Laurie

Rhoades, Don: Tennis 11-12; Play 12.

Rhoades, Julie: OEA 12; Tennis 12.

Lobsiger, Amy: VB Mgr. 10-11-12; BB 10; Track 10; Y-T 10-11, Tres. 12; Spanish 10; German 11-12; Classical Music 12; NHS 11-12; Scholastic 10-11-12; Office Help 11; Lib. 12; German Award 11.

Lohmuller, Cathie: Swim. 10; Y-T 10-11-12; Student Council 10-12; German 10, V-Pres. 11, Pres. 12; Classical Music 11-12; NHS 11-12; Girl's State 11; Scholastic 10-11-12; Band 10-11-12; Blaze 10, Capt. 11; Play 11-12; Outstanding Band Member 10-11; German Award 11.

Longenberger, Sara: Golf 10, Capt. 11-12; BB 10-11-12; Tennis 10-11-12; Y-T 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10; FHA 10; OEA 11-12.

Love, Debora: Y-T 10-11; Cheerblock 10; German 10-11; Dab. 10-11; OEA 11; ICE 12.

Lutz, Alan: BB 11; ICE 12.

McCord, Susanna: Y-T 11-12; Spanish 10-11-12; Thespians/Drama 11-12; Speech 11-12; Stage Crew 11-12; Scholastic 10; Band 10-11-12; Play 11-12; Spanish Award 10-11; Pub. 12.

Mettler, Rick: FB 10-11, Capt. 12; BB 10-11-12; Baseball 10-11-12; German 10-11-12; Stage Crew 11-12; Band 10-11-12.

Meyer, Dennis: Tennis 10-11; BB 10-11; Student Council 12; German 10-11-12; Scholastic 10-11-12; Swing Era 10-11; Play 11; Choir 12.



*Fawn
Moser*



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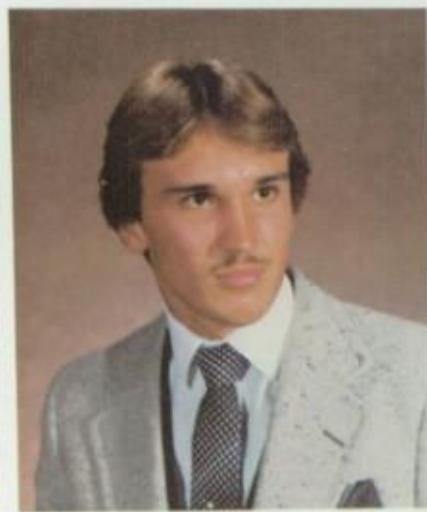
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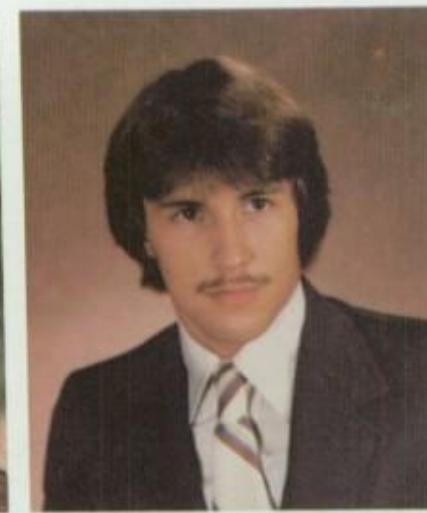
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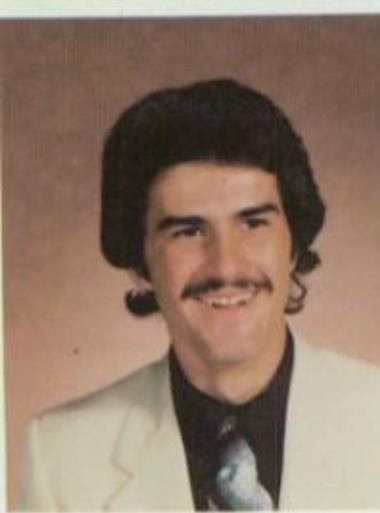
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Rhoades*

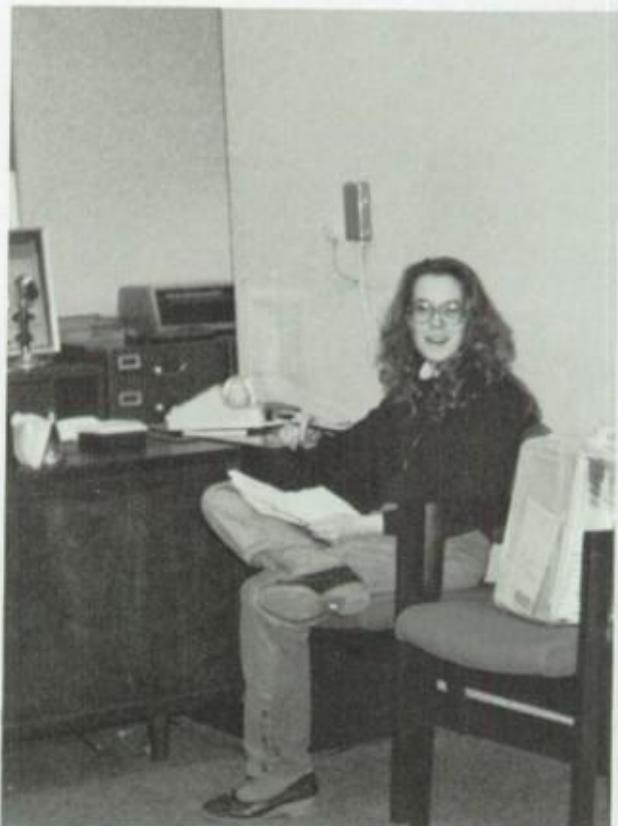


*Julie
Rhoades*

Caught Between

Working in the library during her studyhall gives Diana Miller a chance to relax and do her homework for her next class.

While Secretary Marilyn Gerber is away from her desk, student office helper Christy Hahn assumes some secretarial responsibilities.



Jim Carr and Mark Boxell tie for first place in the Mr. Soper Look-a-like Contest at the Freaky Friday Dance; both won a yearbook.



Two Centuries



Brenda Steffen takes and fills orders at the stadium concession stand during a home game.



Forced to hold pep sessions outside because of the gym renovation, Sherry Shaw, John Hiester, Jenny Kaehr, Ingrid Gatke, Jenny Umphry, Georgie Collier, Amy Lobsiger, Erin Pitts, and Julie Hacha soak up some autumn sunshine.



Physics class sharpens the mind of Richard Nash, but it seems to dull his pencil.

Giving up her lunch hour to work in the bookstore with Lori Harriett, Brenda Davis takes time out to do her homework.

*Renae
Robison*



*Rob
Rosenbrock*



*Dean
Schisler*



*Everett
Schoeff*



*Sherry
Shaw*



*Lisa
Shedd*

*Andy
Shively*



*Gary
Short*



*Alice
Sills*

*Brett
Smith*

*Christine
Stanley*



*Angie
Steele*



*Brenda
Steffen*



*Blake
Steury*



*Roy
Stinson*

*Roy
Streater*



*John
Struver*



*Richard
Sutton*



*Jo Ellen
Swartz*



*Kevin
Taylor*





Laura Taylor

Regina Taylor

Tammy Thompson

Jenny Umphrey



Dave Uptgraft

Rhonda Wedding

Kendra White

Julie Wile



Tim Williams

Julia Worthington

Key to Senior Directory

MM/Mat Maids
CC/Cross Country
VB/Volleyball
Gym./Gymnastics
BB/Basketball
FB/Football
Swim./Swimming
NFL/National Forensic League
NHS/National Honor Society

Pub./Publications
Dab./Dabblers' Art Club
Speech/Speech Team
Drama/Drama Club
German/German Club
Spanish/Spanish Club
Classical Music/Club
Cadet/Cadet Teacher
Scholastic/Scholastic Award

Robison, Renae: Y-T 10-11-12; Dab. 10-11; OEA 11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; Office Help 12; Cadet 12.
Rosenbrock, Rob: Classical Music 10-11-12; German 10; Stage Crew 10-11.
Schisler, Dean: Wrestling 10-11-12; Baseball 10; Cadet 12.
Schoeff, Everett: CC 10-11-12; Track 12; RVS 11-12.
Shannon, Tim: RVS 11-12.
Shaw, Sherry: VB 10-11-12; Y-T 10-11-12; German 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10-11.
Shedd, Lisa: Thespians 11-12; Drama Sec. 12; OEA 12; Speech 11, V-Pres. 12; Scholastic 10-11-12; Play 11-12.
Shively, Andy: Tennis 10-11; BB 10-11-12; Track 10-11-12; Class Tres. 10.
Short, Gary: FB 12; Baseball 10-11; Track 12.
Sills, Alice: OEA 12; Office Help 12.
Smith, Brett: CC 10-11-12; Wrestling 10; Track 10-11-12; Spanish 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; Stage Crew 11; Play 12; Cadet 12.
Stanley, Chris: Y-T 10-11; Dab. 10-11; Cheer-

block 10-11; ICE 12.
Steele, Angie: VB 10-11, Capt. 12; BB 10-11-12; Track 10-11-12; Y-T 10-11-12; Spanish 10-11-12; Dab. 10-11-12; Student Council 11-12; Drama 11, V-Pres. 12; Speech 11-12; Scholastic 10-11-12; Play 11-12; Office Help 11-12; Pub. 12.
Steffen, Brenda: VB 10; German 10; OEA 12; Choir 10-12; Lib. 11-12.
Steury, Blake: Wrestling 10-11-12; Student Council 10; Spanish 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; Speech 11.
Stinson, Roy: Baseball 10-11-12; Swim. 12; German 10-11; Cheerblock 10-11; Scholastic 10-11.
Streater, Roy: Spanish 10-11; Scholastic 10-11.
Struver, John: FB 10; Student Council 12; Perfect Attendance 10-11; Pub. 12.
Sutton, Richard: RVS 12.
Swartz, Jo Ellen: Y-T 10-11-12; German 10; Cheerblock 10; OEA 10, Tres. 11-12; Swing Era 11.
Taylor, Regina:
Taylor, Laura: Y-T 10-11; OEA 11; Lib. 12; ICE 12.

Thompson, Tammy: FHA V-Pres. 12; OEA 12; Cheerblock 11.
Umphrey, Jenny: Y-T 10-12; German 10-11-12; Drama 12; OEA 11-12; Band 10-11; Blaze 10-11; Play 12; Classical Music 12; Lib. 12; Cadet 12.
Uptgraft, Dave: FB 10-11-12; Wrestling 10; Baseball 12; Cheerblock 11; RVS 11-12.
Wedding, Rhonda: Lib. 11.
White, Kendra: Tennis 10; Cheerleader 10-11-12; Y-T 10, V-Pres. 11, Pres. 12; Student Council 10-12; German 10-11-12; Dab. 10; NHS 11-12; Scholastic 10-11-12; Class V-Pres. 10, Tres. 11.
Wile, Julie: Golf 11; Cheerblock 10-11; Speech 11; Play 11-12; Choir 10-11-12.
Williams, Tim: Wrestling 10-11; German 11; Choir 10-11; RVS 12.
Worthington, Julia: Swim. 10-11, Capt. 12; BB 11-12; Track 10-11-12; Y-T 10-11; OEA 11-12; Trebleaires 10; Student Council 11; ICE 12.

Juniors Rea Masterson and Tanya Isch take seriously the responsibility of producing quality pages for the '82 edition of the *Prospect*.

Killer Bees Lora Mechling, Dee Dee Dillon and Stacey Speheger swarm the band room.



After the gym became available to students during the lunch period in late October, Janet Schaffter and Sandy Shaw find more elbow room at the cafeteria lunch tables.

Candy Zoll makes an effort to promote spirit by decorating a teammate's locker the night before the girls' swimming sectional.



Junior officers are Vice President Mike Parsons, Secretary Angie George, President Mark Biddle and Treasurer Cheryl Onegger.



Weak In Numbers Strong In Talent

Participation is one word that could sum up the smallest class to hit Bluffton since 1963. Juniors were more than adequately represented on the football and volleyball teams in the fall and their participation in extra-curricular activities and clubs boosted club memberships.

Junior talent was exhibited in various musical and drama productions and in a take-off of the "Gong Show" at Winterfest. If the class of '83 was not participating in an event, they were there in numbers to lend support to fellow Tigers.

Despite the many snow days, the class found time to cram in all of the "typical" junior antics and to organize traditional activities. In March, creative minds turned toward prom plans after the initial "Once Upon a Time" theme was selected. A handful of dedicated juniors worked night after night to create the story-book atmosphere in the gym. And even fewer students stayed to clean up after the all-night party.

The last week of school offered a sampling of leadership as the juniors reigned the halls after Junior Class President Mark Biddle was presented with the Senior Key on Class Day to make the take-over official.



Chivalry dies as the junior guys watch while Angie George does the dirty work.

Tim Morris and Dan Crickard discuss their future move to Southern Wells in order to benefit from SW's agriculture classes.



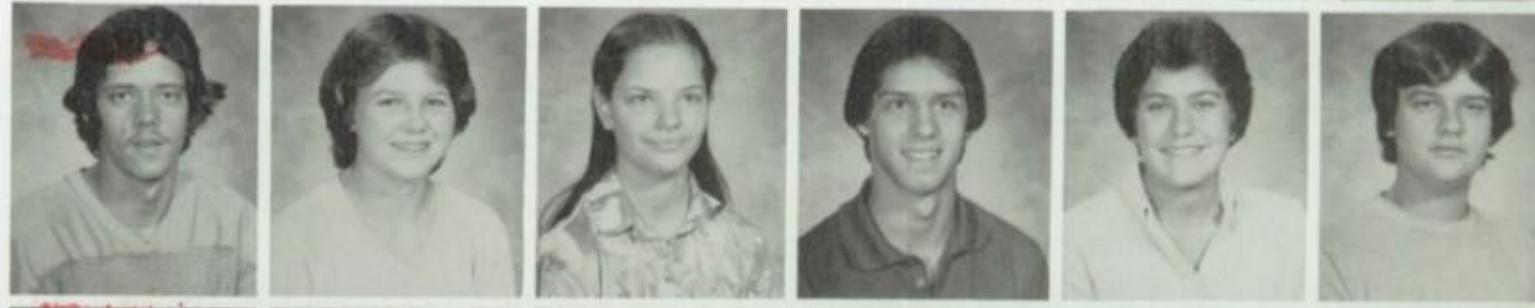
As a cashier at Maloley's, Peggy Settle earns extra money that she saves to help her college plans become a reality.



*Stuart Ault
Matt Bardsley
Mitch Barger
Debbie Barnell
Connie Baumgartner
Phil Baumgartner*



*Jerry Bayes
Dawn Betz
Jill Biberstein
Mark Biddle
Lisa Blair
Alan Bower*



*Diann Breedlove
Camille Brewer
Sherry Brickey
Debbie Brown
Donna Brown
Raymie Bywater*



*Brenda Cobbum
Carla Corle
Dan Crickard
Penny Croy
Michael Deam
Kelli Decker*



*Dianna Dillon
Linda Dyson
Ann Eller
Tim Engle
Linn Faus
Hans Franze*



*Sandra Fredrick
Dawn Gatke
Angie George
Sheryl Hartman
Natalie Hay
Tim Hickey*



*Jeff Higginbottom
June Higgins
Steve Hoffer
Cheryl Honegger
Jeff Hook
Brian Huffman*



*Sherre Hultz
Dave Irwin
Tanya Isch
Rhonda Kernstein
Beth Lohmuller
John Mackall*





Becky Martin
Rea Masterson
Susan Maynard
Mary Lee McArdle
Lora Mechling

Rick Miller
~~Julie Misiano~~
Larry Mock
Teresa Moore
Deb Moser

~~Pam Murphy~~
Tracy J. Myers
Brian Noble
Mike Parsons
Tom Pastore



Due to President Reagan's cut-backs in the lunch program, the BHS cooks had to find many new food substitutes to fill the nutrition requirements of the government. This brought about a new lunch line and some sour faces, as Sanja Shane shows that some changes were not appreciated.

Mary Steffen grabs the lime light from Shari Stauffer at a late night photo session.

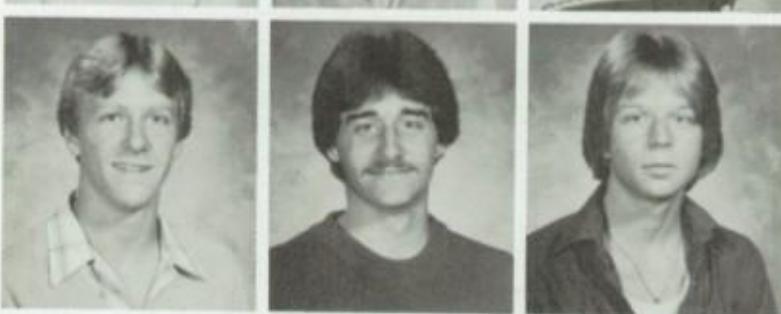
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Penni Pearson
Dawn Perry



Mary Perry
John Phillabaum
Brad Pike



Bill Record
Kevin Ripple
Dave Robison



Janet Schaffter
Julie Seese
Peggy Settle



Sanja Shane
Sandy Shaw
Tony Shively



Carol Walburn, Lisa Blair and Shar Stauffer create a fantasyland as they transform an ordinary pole into Jack's beanstalk for the Junior-Senior Prom.



Rust, Dust, Lust

Junior girls posing as interior decorators are running rampant through the halls at BHS this year. But these decorators are not into color coordinating carpet and furniture. They plaster their locker walls with pictures of rather handsome gentlemen, with sayings, pictures of family and friends, and of course Miss Piggy, Snoopy, and Garfield.

Pictures of male models seem to be the most numerous findings. When asked why she decorated her

locker with these pictures, Mary Perry casually stated, "Automatically you smile when looking at a half naked man wearing a cowboy hat while shaving."

The decorators also do not like the olive-green color painted on their lockers. Candy Zoll said that she was tired of looking at green while Angie George and Natalie Hay related "We cover up the green color to cheer us up."



The junior girls were notorious for having the most interesting lockers in school. Tanya Isch hides the drab green with photos and decals.



Junior Beth Lohmuller transforms herself from a young teenager to a crabby old lady for the play "The Good Doctor."

Sour notes in the choir room do not set well with Carla Corle and she makes sure that "Good Ole Mountain Dew" is on key.



*Lori Smith
Bill Sparks
Stacey Speheger
Jerry Sprankles
Lynn Squier
Shari Stauffer*



*Mary Steffen
Sam Steffen
Dave Surfus
Doug Swisher
Teresa Taylor
Tracy Taylor*



*Terry Vice
Carol Walburn
Doug Wells
Kathy Welsh
Stacey West
Keith Wheeler*



*Kyle Wietholter
Ron Whitesel
Jeff Whitesell
Mike Wright
Candy Zoll*

Sophomores Make Their Presence Known

On August 27, 134 wide-eyed sophomores stormed in the doors of BHS. Some adjustments were in order: the new atmosphere, being confused with the freshmen, and being exposed to a wide variety of extracurricular activities not offered to them before.

The class progressed quickly in their participation. The major sport events were an outlet for their proud chants *s-o-p-h-o-m-o-r-e-s*. Their skit, **Cat Cave**, at the Winterfest boosted the school spirit before the Norwell-Bluffton basketball game.

By February, the sophomore interests started turning toward finance. They boosted their bank account by selling candy and holding their first dance. Both were a huge success.

The Sophomore Class selected as their representatives: President Mike Blair, Vice President Kris Gerber, Secretary Kim Miller, and Treasurer Cheryl Shorey. After finishing their first year at BHS, they seemed to pull together some prestige when they proudly ordered their class rings and filled out their junior class schedules.

Sitting with fellow classmates, Danny Williams supports the Tigers at a home ballgame.



Reserve cheerleader Michelle Meyer helps get her friends Marybeth Parsons, Angela Grusd, and Judy Shaw psyched up for sectional basketball action at South Adams.



Sophomore class officers are **SEATED**: Secretary Kim Miller. **STANDING**: Treasurer Cheryl Shorey, Vice President Kris Gerber and President Mike Blair.



*Duane Adams
Nick Anderson
Betty Ball
Teresa Bardsley
Robert Barton*



*Deb Baumgartner
Greg Baumgartner
Vickie Baumgartner
Mike Blair
Kent Bower*



*Lisa Bowman
Lisa Bradley
Kelly Brickley
Lila Brinneman
Gary Brown*



*Kim Brown
Rodney Bucher
David Butler
Kurt Byanski
Jon Campbell*



*Dave Carnall
Scott Carr
Troy Chaffee
Scot Chandler
Joel Christian*



*Vicky Christianson
Mike Clifton
Scott Collier
Kelli Covey
Peggy Curran*



Randy Newman takes a break during a timed writing in typing class.

*Evette Davis
Tim Davis
John Dedrick
Sherry Dustman
Barbara Dyson*



*Tim Eubank
Brian Falk
Steve Fether
Dianna Flowers
Jodi Foreman*

*Tim Franklin
Tina Frus
Lisa Garrett
Ben Gerber
Kevin Gerber*

*Kris Gerber
Kim Geyer
Dawn Greenlee
Angela Grusd
Greg Hacha*



Tom Steffen and Peter Hazelton, alias Batman and Robin, discuss matters at the bat cave during the sophomore skit at Winterfest.

Lana Oman and Kim Neidlinger receive essential typing instructions from Mrs. Emshwiller.



Class Of '84 Gets The Job Done



Deb Baumgartner gets fellow German Club members into the Christmas spirit at Bear Creek Farms with a traditional carol.

Kurt Byanski is one sophomore who does not mind "hitting the books" as he earns extra money as an employee at the Wells County Public Library.



Jill Harnish
Tracie Harris
Steve Harvey
Peter Hazelton
Rick Hughette
Sheryl Humphrey

Sandy Hunnicutt
Fred Ilnicki
Scott Irvin
Brian Isch
Heather Jackson
Rod Kernstein

Chris Kernstein
Bruce King
Sue King
Pamela Kinsey
Jim Korte
Joe Leitner

Tom Link
Michael Loshe
Mark Magley
Michelle Meyer
Monica Milholland
Andrea Miller

It's My Pleasure

On the night of **Spectacular Plus '82**, every performer was nervous, including Lisa Bowman, one performer that would not be seen by the audience. As the piano player, Lisa is a fundamental part of the **Bluffton Swing Era**.

She started playing the ivory keys about eight and a half years ago. On an average, she has taken 416 lessons, and has spent close to \$800. She began competing at the beginning of the fifth grade at age 10.

Since that time, Lisa has participated in five piano contests: four Nisbova contests and a Three Rivers Festival contest. Lisa earned first place honors in each of the contests.

Playing the piano as a career is not in Lisa's life long plan. Lisa commented, "I don't have the patience or time to play professionally, I play strictly for fun."

Talented Lisa Bowman picks up on a new piece of music at a **Swing Era** rehearsal.



Kim Miller
Mark Miller
Margie Moon
Rick Morgan
Kris Morris
Daniel Moser



Phil Moser
Kim Neidlinger
Randy Newman
Sandra Oliver
Lana Oman
Dennis Osborn



Sue Pagin
Marybeth Parsons
Jim Paxton
Michaela Perry
Peggy Pfister
Ryan Pike



Jim Poling
Tim Prough
Lisa Ramseyer
Kevin Reinhard
Angie Renner
Tina Rhoades



Cindy Ridge
Cathy Rogers
Jim Royal
Lori Sallach
Jayne Sands
Mike Sark





*Jeff Sawyer
Barbara Schnerre
Carol Schnerre
Cheryl Schorey
Twilla Sell
Judy Shaw*

*Pam Shedd
Karen Sills
Scott Sliger
Leeann Sowder
Lonnie Squier
Debbie Stanley*

*Mitch Steffen
Tom Steffen
Jim Streater
Clay Taylor
Jeff Thompson
Tina Thompson*

*Kevin Turner
Lori Umphrey
Mike Uptgraft
Tom Vandentop
Jolene VanOver
Kevin Walburn*

*Ronda Weaver
Brian Wedding
Daphne Willet
Dan Williams
Tim Williams
Tonya Worthington*



Sophomore Tom Link finds himself with an attack of the munchies during a late night dress rehearsal for "The Good Doctor."

Top salesman Michaela Perry gets a literal taste of victory as she bites into one piece of the \$5000 worth of candy sold by Sophomores.

First Freshmen Here In Seventeen Years

The class of '85, the first freshman class to be in the high school since 1965, brought lots of spirit and enthusiasm with them to the halls of BHS. The freshman class soon adjusted to high school life and the headaches that went with being an underclassman.

The doors opened to the class due to the K-4-4-4 system implemented in the school district. The freshmen found themselves on the third floor in crowded conditions trying to get their lockers open, get their books

and get down to first floor before the five minute bell rang.

The class of '85 played a role in increasing club memberships and participation in them. Their spirit followed them to the football, basketball and baseball games and to the many dances and parties throughout the year.

Class officers Gerry Riveros, president; Carla Strong, vice president; Mike Sawyer, treasurer; and Thea Barnes, secretary; represented the 127 members of the freshman class.



Freshman class officers include **RECLINING**: President Gerry Riveros. **STANDING**: Treasurer Mike Sawyer, Secretary Thea Barnes and Vice President Carla Strong.

Beth Meyer, Lacey Knowles, Jane Noe, Marlayne Hirzel, Regan Kreigh and other freshmen girls illustrate the winning form the captured a victory against the sophomore girls and eventually the overall championship against the junior girls at the BHS Winter Fest.

Even dunkin' donuts can not wake Jane Noe after the volleyball slumber party.

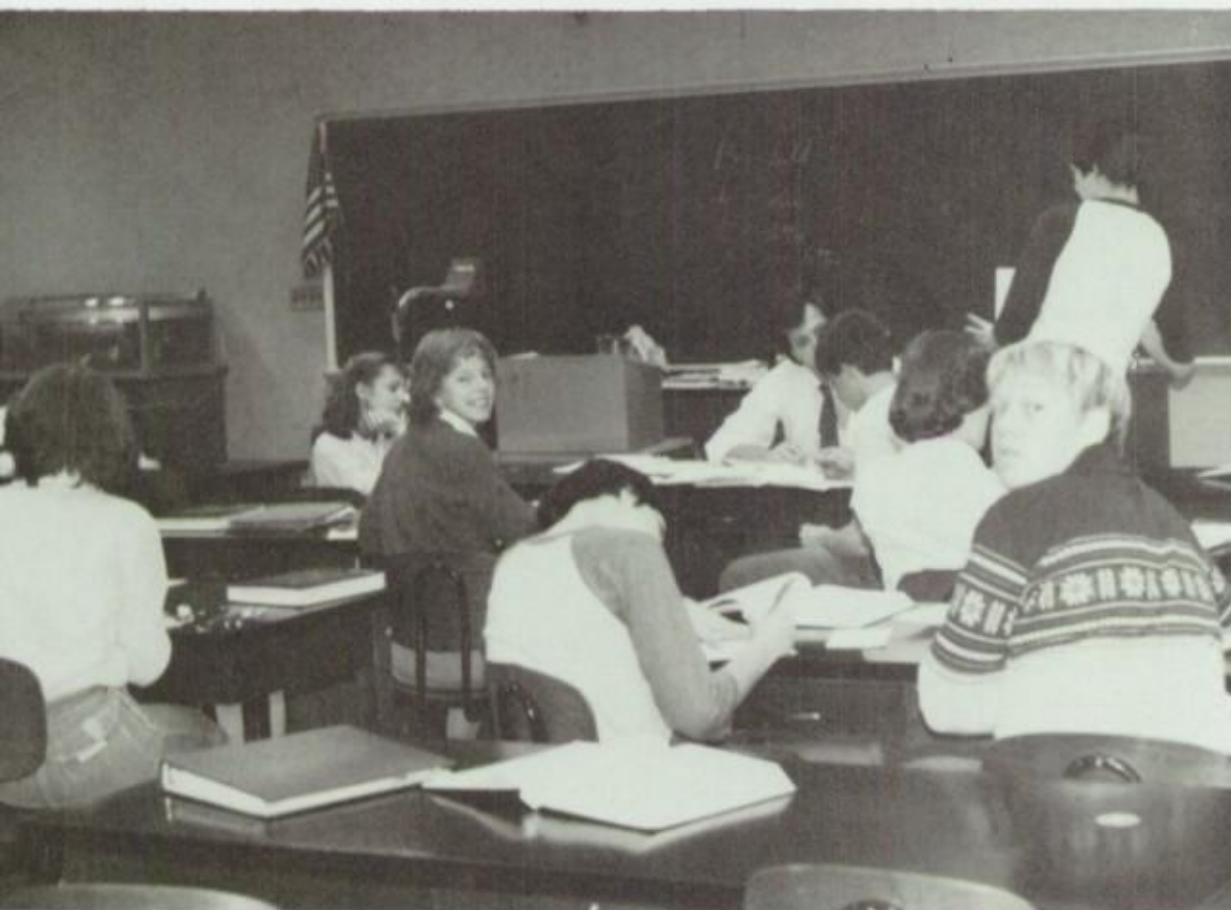




*Kelly Allread
Tom Athan
Thea Barnes
Chris Barton
Mark Beals
Tim Beck*



*Kurt Beer
David Bengs
Viola Berkey
Don Betz
Doug Betz
Ruby Betz*



Randy Brickey and Marie Sprunger start the five minute count down before the bell during Mr. Wagner's Biology class.

Chris Myers sands a piece of wood for his stool project in Industrial Arts.



Due to the renovation of the gym Freshman Bob White was able to experience the thrill of bowling instead of normal P.E. activities.

Doug Swisher, Eric Satterfield and Curtis Newman "chow down" on pizza at the wrestling party held at the Pizza Hut.

*Mark Boxel
Daphne Braner
Doyle Brickey
Randy Brickey
Shane Brinson
Dale Brown*



*Richard Brown
Shawn Burke
Scott Burns
Tina Castle
Don Caudill
Lisa Cobb*

*Sherri Collins
Scott Cowens
Gina Cully
Brian Curry
Chuck Decker
Chuck Edington*

*Cole Edington
John Emshwiller
Kim Fear
Melanie Fogle
Donna Garrison
Julie Gilbert*

*Paige Hamilton
Michelle Hargrove
David Harriett
Jill Harshman
Sheri Hart
David Hatch*



Beth Lindsay stretches out in physical education before learning a new ballet move.

Wrapping up a gruelling day of $(a + b)^2$, freshman math students take a break.



Freshmen Fervor



Freshmen girls take advantage of the newly constructed multi-purpose room as they practice a chorus line as part of a dance unit in physical education.



*Jim Hiester
Kris Hinesley
Marlayne Hirzel
Chris Holmes
Chris Honegger
Kent Hook*



*Sandi Hughes
Leah Huvendick
Willie Inskeep
Gail Isch
B.J. Jacobs
Chris Jones*



*Rob Karas
Lacey Knowles
Regan Kreigh
Beth Lindsay
Scott Longenberger
Chris Lutz*



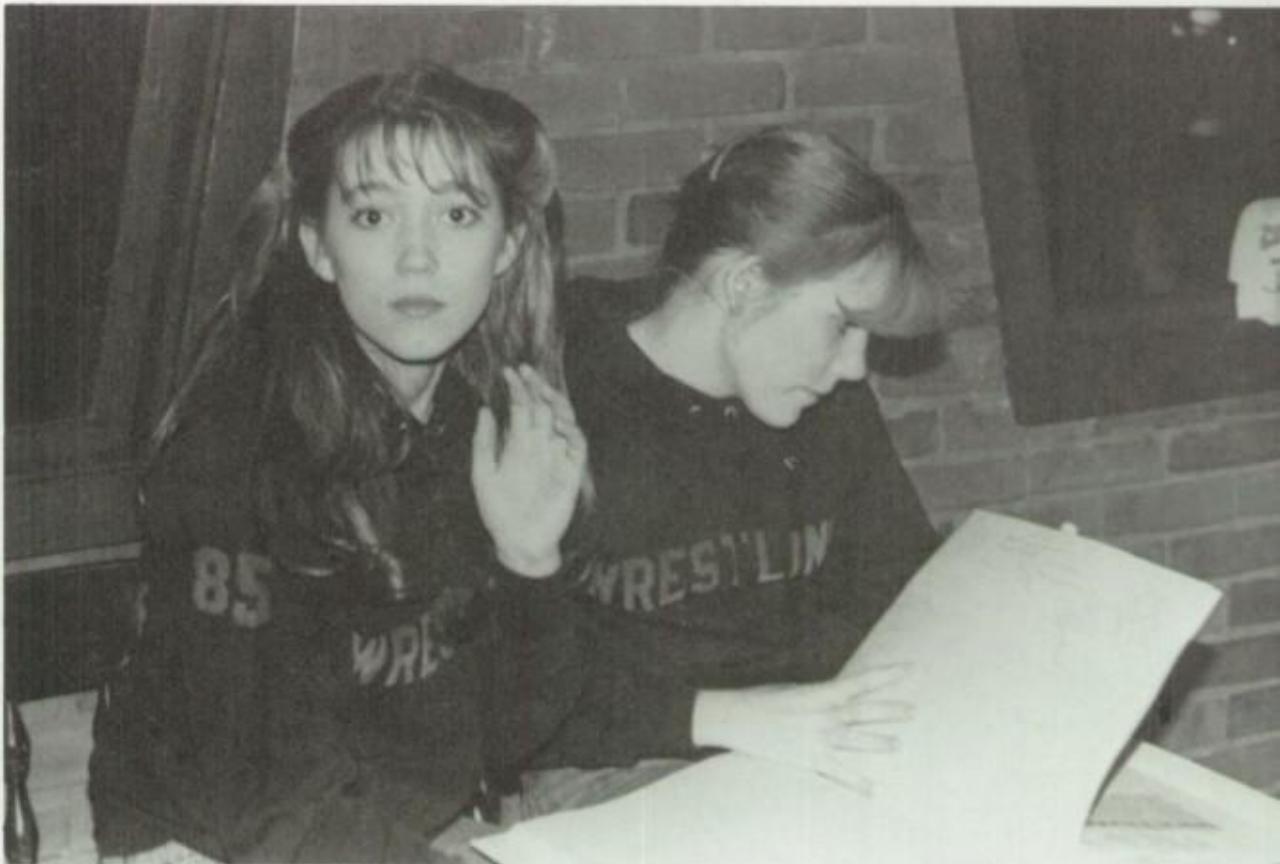
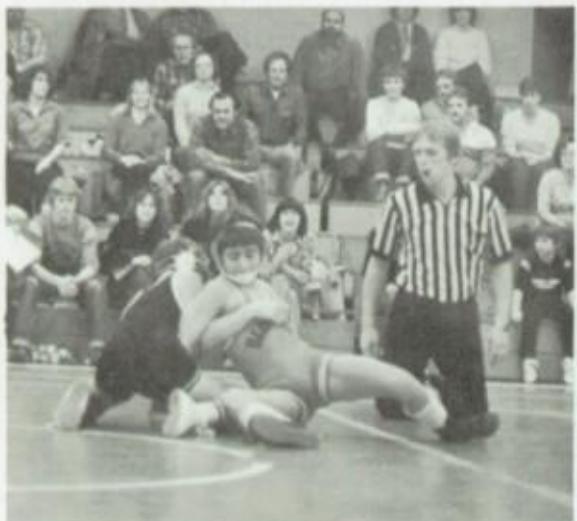
*Carla Ludy
Lori Mann
Becky Masterson
Tammy McCarty
Mark Mettler
Beth Meyer*



*Jason Miller
Julie Miller
Andrea Mock
Kimberly Mohler
Rex Morgan
Barbara Mounsey*

Mat maids Marlayne Herzl and Kelly Allread add finishing touches to the wrestlers' scrapbooks at Pizza Hut.

Wrestling in his first varsity match, Don Caudill comes up with a pin victory against his Eastbrook opponent.



*Lora Mounsey
Todd Neidlinger
Curtis Newman
Jane Noe
Brian Oliver*

*Ralph Osborn
Lisa Pearson
Holly Perry
Tammy Perry
Dave Pietz*

*Heather Pitts
Blake Poindexter
Jené Pond
Jim Ragg
Matt Reeb*

*Gerry Riveros
Mark Roberts
Randy Robison
Crettie Sage
Wendy Sallach*

*Eric Satterfield
Mike Sawyer
Lisa Shannon
Doug Shoup
Marie Sprunger*





*Scott Stacy
Cammy Steffen
Jean Steffen
Daphne Steury
Carla Strong*

*Carol Strunk
David Sundling
Cheryl Surfus
Brian Sutton
Cindy Szott*

*Diedre Thompson
Kris VanZant
Chuck Wallace
Jeff Weaver
Lisa Wheeler*

*Patty White
Robert White
Garrett Wietholter
Barry Willits
Tony Wright*

“Doctor, It’s Rich Again.”

October.

Out of pure dedication and a little bit of confusion, Rich ran into the wall at the junior high while chasing a basketball in the first half of the freshman Norwell game. He broke his left wrist and fractured his right arm, which put him on the sidelines once again.

When asked if he was glad that football and basketball seasons were over, Rich stated, “Yep, I’m looking forward to golf now.” Hopefully Rich won’t get hit in the head with a golf ball or in the shin with a club to put him on the sidelines for the third time.



After being sidelined in both football and basketball due to injuries, Rich Brown became a loyal fan by supporting his teammates.

Faculty

Ken Ballinger:
Advanced Biology,
Freshman Boys'
Basketball, Baseball,
Counselor.

Donna Ballinger: Art.

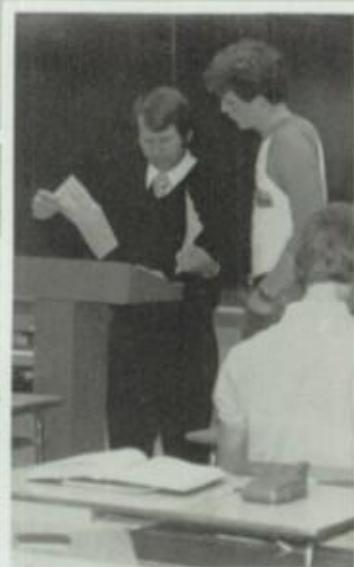
Louise Ashby: Special Education.



Ralph Broman: Math,
Physics, General
Science and Nat'l
Honor Society.



Jim Brown:
Accounting, Typing,
Business Law, Boys'
and Girls' Golf.



Ron DeWitt:
Recordkeeping,
Consumer Math, Girls
Basketball and Girls
Tennis.



Liz Gerend: Home Economics and Y-Teens.



Stan Gilbert: English,
US History and
Intramurals.

Valerie Goodspeed:
Intensive Lab, Office
Machines, Typing and
OEA.



Jim Grant: Metals.



Ron Gremaux: Math,
Wrestling, and Asst.
Football.



Ofelia Hernandez:
Art and Dabblers.



Tony Garton: Physical Education, Drivers Education and Asst. Boys' Basketball.



Jerry Flueckiger: English and Asst. Baseball.



Steve Fischer: US History, Government, Economics, Psychology and Concession Stands.



Judy Emshwiller: ICE and Typing.



Eugene Edington: Graphic Arts and Drafting.



Cathy Fritts: Home Economics and FHA.



Bob Kaylor: Math and Computer Science.



Mike Kracium: US History and Government.

Pam Hoopingarner: Vocal Music and Singers.



Billy Kreigh: English, Developmental Reading and Cheerleaders.



Dennis Kummer: Typing, Accounting and General Business.



Dennis Lewis: Health, World History, Boys' Basketball and Asst. Football.

Faculty

Brad Roberts:
Instrumental Music
and Ensembles.

Denise Norman:
English, Theater,
Debate, Aud. Director
and Forensics.

George Moore: Woods,
Drafting, Intramurals,
Freshman Football and
Weight Lifting.



O. Floyd Soper:
Science, Chemistry,
Student Council and
Adult Centennial
Comm.



Hilda Studebaker:
English and Literary
Magazine.



Kieth Vardaman:
Woods.



Steve Wagner: Biology
and Psychology.



Diane Wright:
Physical Education,
Publications, Health,
Girls' Volleyball and
Track.

Principal Thomas Byanski and assistant Gary Oxenrider go over a list of upcoming school events.

Administration

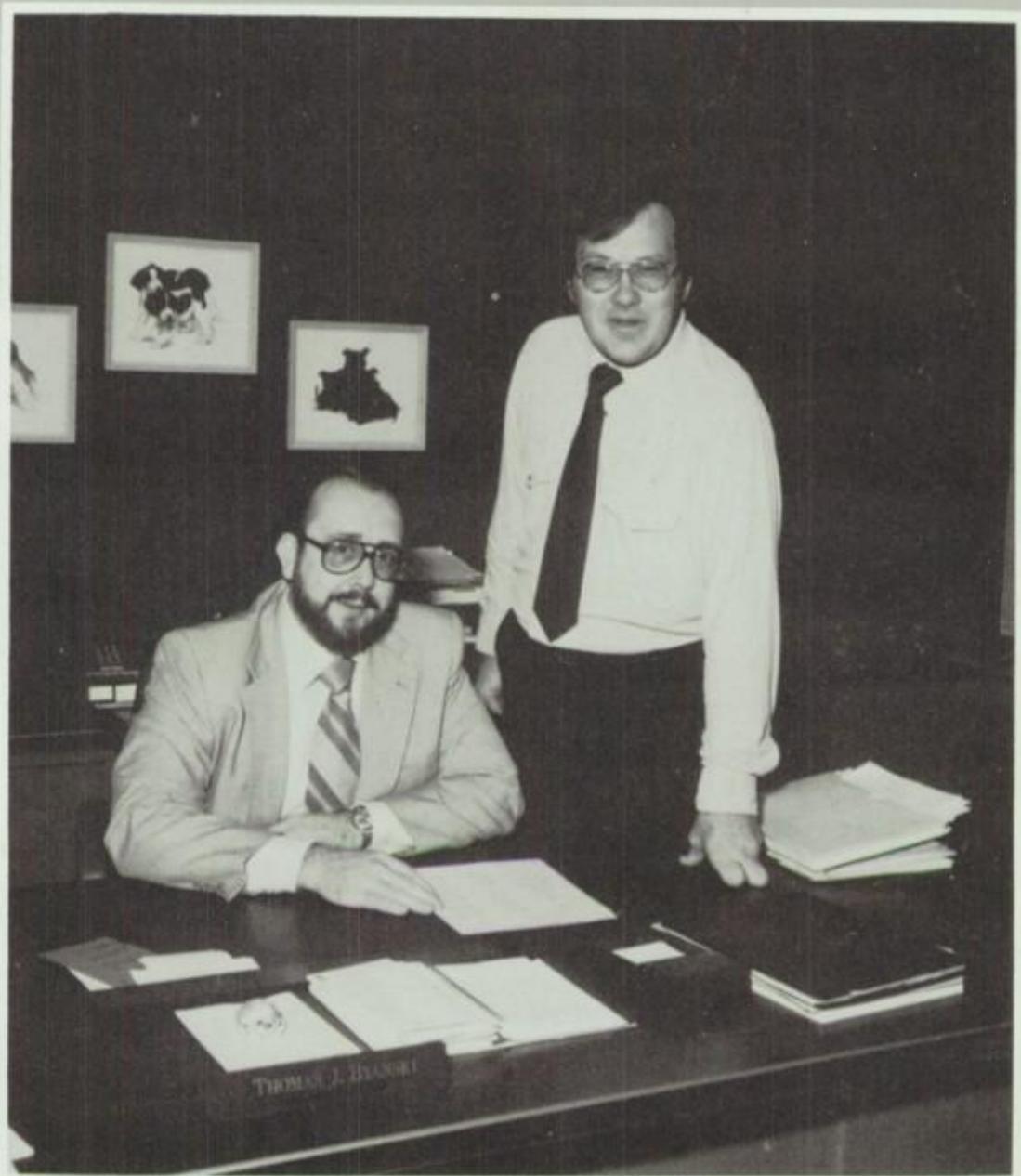
Members of the elected school board and the high school administration staff made decisions affecting the everyday lives of the students and faculty.

Superintendent Dr. Milo Eiche ruled over the administration of the Bluffton-Harrison School system. Thomas Byanski completed his fifth year as the high school principal. Serving as his assistant, Gary Oxenrider was responsible for school discipline, attendance and served as Director of Student Activities.

Bi-weekly meetings of the school board found full agendas and often special problems that dealt specifically with this year. One problem was deciding how to deal with public complaints about the administration's power to censor instructional material. Due to the many days missed because of heavy snows, the school board devised an emergency snow route for buses to travel and hopefully reduce the absence rate.

School Board Trustees consisted of President Don Athan, Vice-President Barbara Elliott, Secretary Darlene Garrett, and Members Donald McArdle and Floyd Minich.

Dr. Milo Eiche, Superintendent of Bluffton-Harrison Schools, was elected superintendent of the year by the Indiana Association of Educational Secretaries.



Backed By Student Volunteers Personnel Preserve Stability

The people who worked behind the scenes and kept the school running smoothly were guidance counselors, secretaries and student volunteers. Though they often went unrecognized, their efforts were irreplaceable.

Guidance counselors, Ken Ballinger, Janet Baker and Jack Cross, kept their eyes on the students and their ears and minds open. Mr. Ballinger and Miss Baker, Guidance Coordinator, contacted students in regard to scholarships and financial aid. Helping the students cope with personal as well as academic problems and guiding them toward positive goals kept the counselors active throughout the year.

Jack Cross, guidance counselor for the ninth grade class, also held

the position of Athletic Director and kept his department in order, despite the many reorganizational problems caused by the addition of the ninth graders to the high school. Mr. Cross also did a good job at organizing activities, practices and games around the reconstruction of the gym.

The secretaries took part in some behind-the-scenes activities also. Marilyn Gerber had a tough job in keeping the students' records up to date, bookkeeping and typing. Mrs. Gerber was also Mr. Byanski's secretary and that was a job in itself. Phebe Edington, Mr. Oxenrider's secretary, was the head of the attendance office. Mrs. Edington had a rough time keeping track of students entering and leaving the

building, tardies, absenteeism and all those "doctors appointments". Helen Jaskie, secretary to Mr. Cross and the counselors, kept the newly remodeled guidance area co-ordinated.

Student volunteers, audio visual and office workers helped out with the busy days at BHS. The A.V. aids, Mary Perry, Phil Moser, Mike Deam and Chad Captain, kept track of all the A.V. equipment. Mr. Shalley was the A.V. director and kept schedules and equipment in order. Office workers, Teresa Moore, Christy Hahn, Renae Robison, and Angie Steele spent one hour a day helping in both downstairs offices. Their duties included picking up attendance slips and answering the telephone.



Aide Sharon McAfee evaluates the additions in reading materials with Librarian Cathy Sonner.

Library aides include **FRONT ROW:** Penny Croy, Brenda Steffen, Ingrid Gatke, Sanja Shane, Kim Miller and Sandra Oliver. **BACK ROW:** Mrs. Sonner, Amy Lobsiger, Deb Moser, Erin Pitts, Fawn Moser and Laura Taylor.



Lebe Edington, Marilyn Gerber and Helen Kie keep daily activities running smooth.

udio Visual Aids who assist Mr. Shalley
FRONT ROW: Phil Moser and Mike
am. **BACK ROW:** Chad Captain and
ry Perry.



Office workers include Angie Steele, Teresa Moore, Christy Hahn and Renae Robison.

Guidance Counselors Ken Ballinger, Jack Cross and Coordinator Janet Baker offer a variety of services to the student body and faculty.

Arriving every morning at 7:00 a.m. to begin preparing meals are BHS cooks Leone Nutter, Lucille Levy, Georgiana Arnold, Ruth Luginbill and Rose Scott.



On the days when buses and cars could not get out, custodians Wes McFarren, Harry Lance, Edie Sliger and Paul Andrews found a way to get to BHS, and make sure things were running smoothly.

Joe Gephart, Hubert Curtis, Lynn Hamilton and Don Burchett add to their income by assisting the cooks during lunch.



The Other Half Of School Operations

The cooks and janitors put in many working hours at BHS, although they often went unrecognized.

The cooks had a difficult time planning nutritious school lunches around Reagan's cutbacks in the school lunch program. Consequently, student and faculty lunch prices were increased. Another difficulty was faced in scheduling meals around the many snow days.

The janitors had to put up with the headaches that went along with

the remodeling of various parts of the building at the beginning of the year. They also had to get used to the new burglar alarms and the malfunctions of the fire alarms. The burglar alarms sounded at 2:00 a.m. one morning, wrestling janitors and Mr. Oxenrider from their sleep only to meet the police at the school doors for a false alarm. In the winter, the fire alarms in the auditorium went on the blink, leaving janitors, in one instance, to face the firemen and police at the front doors.



Keeping track of the changing prices of hamburgers and other menu items, Sonia Hook and Carolyn Dedrick busy at the cash registers.

Finding Him Is The Hardest Part

It is common knowledge that when something needs done at BHS, Harry Lantz is the man to contact. It does not matter if it is plumbing, electrical, or painting; Harry gets it done, most of the time with a smile.

What some people do not realize is that it has been this way for eight years without a day missed.

In addition to his position as head custodian, he finds time to run his egg delivery business and sharpen knives and saws. He is much more than a janitor, he is a friend. He is the one that can be depended on for just about anything.

Year after year, Mr. Lantz as-

sists in the prom preparation, graduation and school productions. This year he also helped in the renovation process. Whether seen on the mower or behind a snow shovel, he is busy keeping the school functioning smoothly.

Each morning he could be seen on the front lawn raising the flag. One morning as students approached the main entrance, Harry shouted, "It's gonna be a good day!"

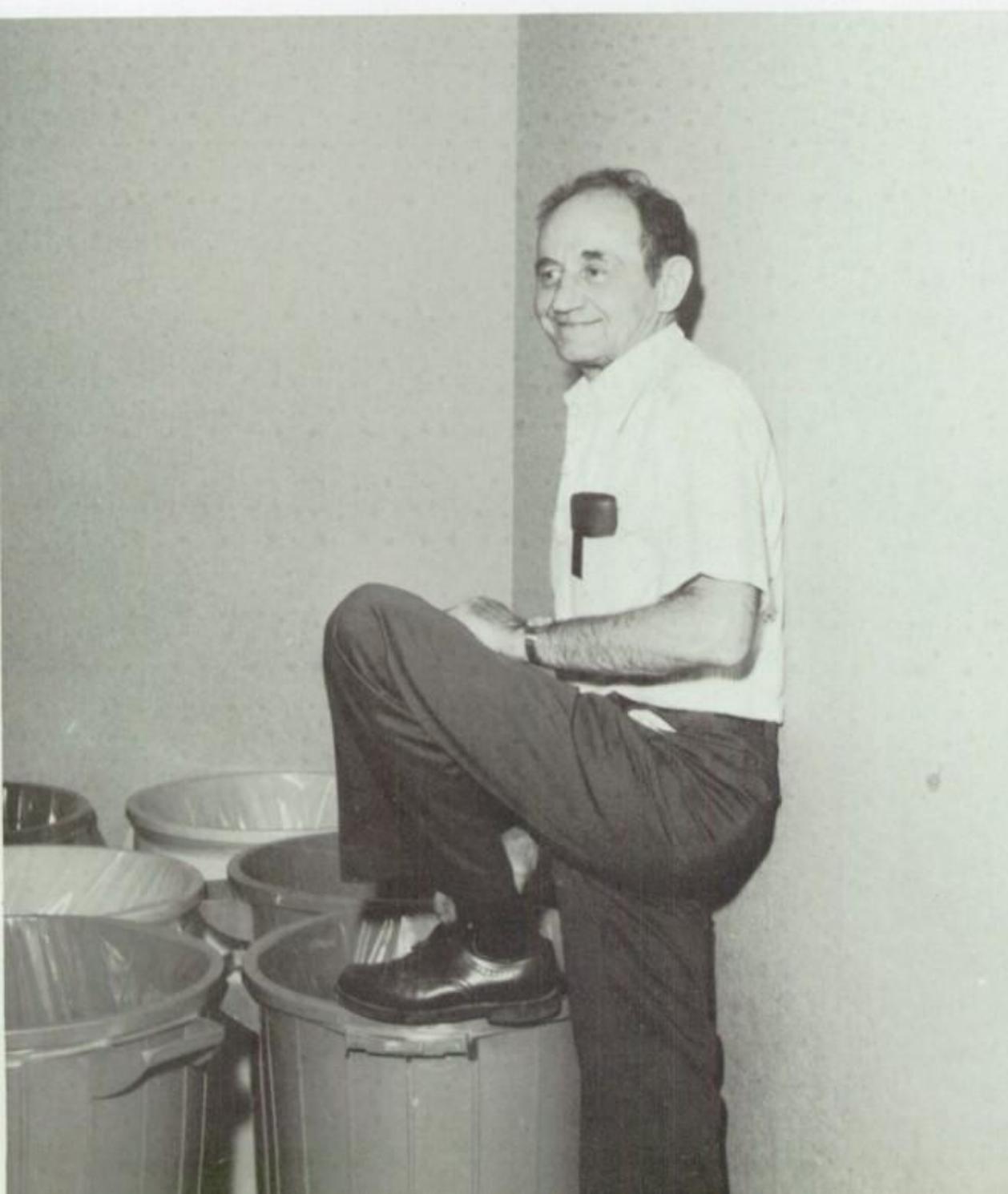
And you know, it did not matter what day it was because Harry always did his best to make someone else's day a little brighter.

The kitchen is familiar ground to Mr. Lantz since he spends some of his time keeping equipment running properly.



Though Harry does not sit at the principal's desk often, he is the one who knows the school from the basement to the roof.

Harry Lantz's duties as head custodian are diverse but luckily, his talents are equally diverse.



Just as technique changes over the years, so do uniforms. The 1941-42 varsity football team takes instruction from the coach as he points out a play from a heavy slate. Members included **Front Row:** Markley, Hiatt, Baller, Erhart, and Temp. **Second Row:** Sturgis, Edington, Parker, Petzel, Richard Reineck, and Raymond Reineck. **Third Row:** B. Grove, G. Grove, Caylor, Schmoll, Francis, and Ullman. **Fourth Row:** Harnish, Zoll, Summers, Woodward, and Zink. **Fifth Row:** Larmore, Shelley, Brickley, Garrett, Kunkel, and Booher.



Words are not necessary to describe Dave Uptgraft's emotions after the Tigers broke their two-year losing streak.

ATHLETICS

Major award winners for the girls' sports include **FRONT ROW:** Angie Steele. **BACK ROW:** Sara Longenberger, and Brenda Emshwiller.



Top Tiger Athletes Receive Blankets

The Bluffton High School Athletic Awards Program climaxed the 1981-82 athletic year. Many top athletes were honored for their participation in the various sports.

Randy Brinneman and Sara Longenberger received the top awards. Brinneman was awarded the Ens. Baumgartner Memorial Trophy and Longenberger was awarded the Outstanding Female Athlete Tro-

*Major award winners for the boys' sports include **FRONT ROW:** Randy Brinneman and Todd Burke. **BACK ROW:** Brett Smith and Tracy Cross.*



phy.

Other major awards were presented to Brett Smith, Todd Burke, Brenda Emshwiller, Tracy Cross, and Angie Steele. Smith was awarded the Robert Ulmer Memorial Track Trophy, and the Football Triumph Trophy was awarded to Burke. Emshwiller received the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Award, and Cross and Steele were awarded the Rotary Club Outstanding Student Athlete Trophies.

Receiving the Spirit Award this year was bus driver, Paul Dotterer. He has driven the BHS athletes to many away events.

Circle B blankets were awarded to those athletes who attained at least 8 major letters during their high school athletic career. Athletes receiving blankets were Becky Krebs, Ingrid Gatke, Sara Longenberger, Angie Steele, Julie Worthington, Dan Brink, Randy Brinneman, Jim Carr, Dave Jaskie and John Hiester.

*Circle B blanket winners include **FRONT ROW:** Sara Longenberger, Becky Krebs, Angie Steele and Julia Worthington. **BACK ROW:** Randy Brinneman, Dan Brink, John Hiester, Jim Carr and Dave Jaskie. Not pictured, Ingrid Gatke.*

Gridders Regain That Tiger Pride

Looking for blocks from Jeff Hoffer (44) and Mark Biddle (60) Tailback Randy Brinneman tries to squeeze through the line for extra yards against the devastating Bellmont defense.



VARSITY FOOTBALL

	We	They
Southern Wells	15	0
South Adams	7	20
Garrett	7	0
Whitko	21	6
Homestead	21	13
Culver Military	21	8
Norwell	0	10
Jay County	28	40
Adams Central	20	26
Bellmont	7	14
Season Record:	5-5	

The 1981 Bluffton Tiger Football Team posted a 5-5 season behind newly adjusted head coach Rex Bowser.

Going into the season for the Tigers was more than just a game of physical capabilities, for the Tigers opened their season facing a 21 game losing streak.

Members of the team knew the season was going to be something different when they began showing up for two-a-day practices totaling between six and seven hours a day.

The two captains chosen by the players and the coaching staff for the 1981 football team were Rick Mettler and Randy Brinneman.

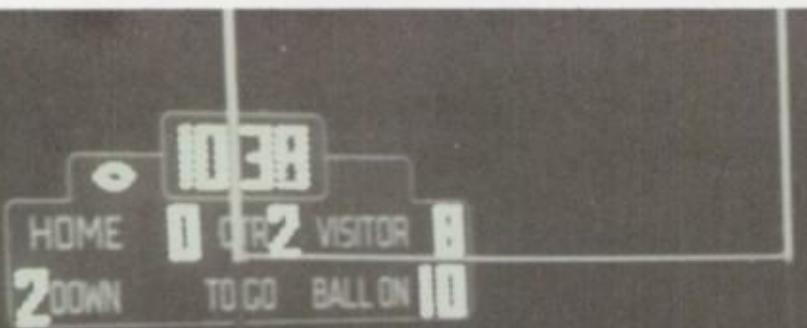
The Jay County game claimed the only major injury as David Jaskie was hit in the leg after intercepting a pass, smashing cartilage and ripping ligaments.

This football season brought pride back into the Bluffton High School athletic system and hopes for greater achievement in all sports.



Head Coach Rex Bowser sends Senior Jim Carr into action in the final game of 1981 to finish the season at 5-5, the best record since 1977.

Playing in the mud turned out to be no fun for Keith Wheeler, Steve DeArmond and the Tiger gridders as they faced a 7-14 defeat against Bellmont.



Behind the blocking of Ron Whitesel and Courtney Pfister, Rick Mettler gains seven yards in the second quarter of the Culver Military game.

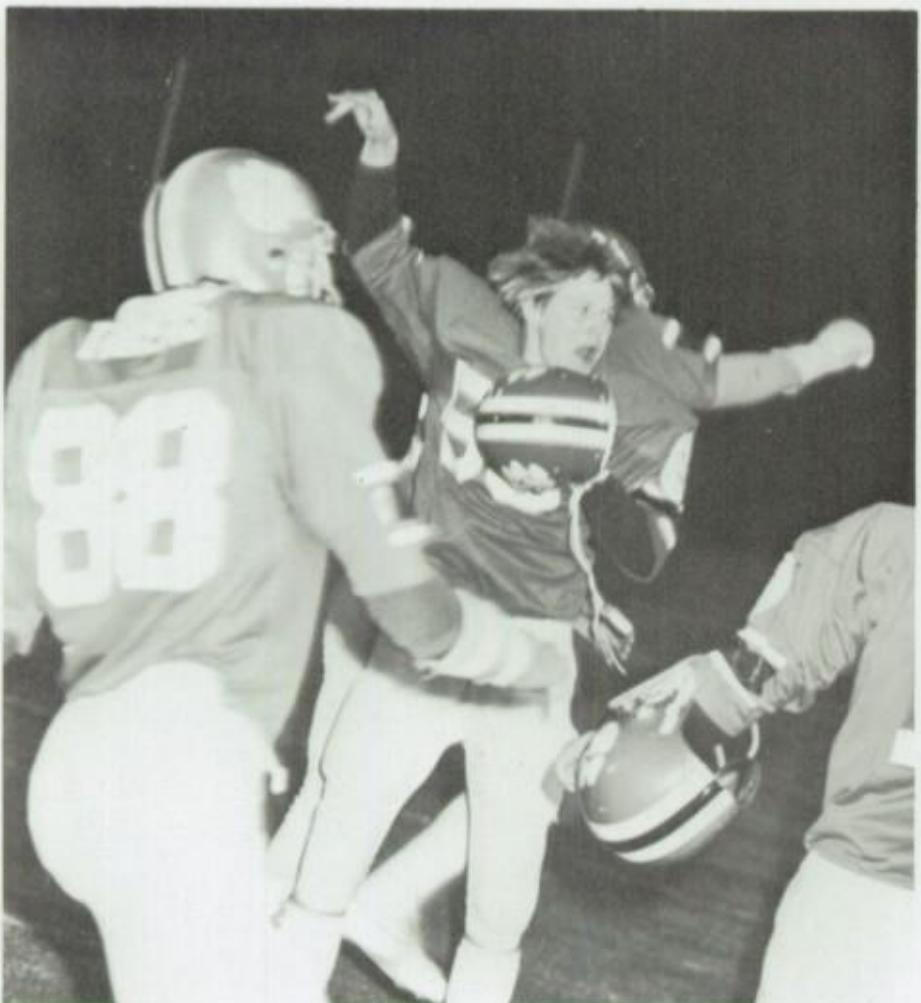
Quarterback Mike Parsons cheers from the sideline for the Tiger defense that held Culver Military scoreless in the second half of the homecoming game.



Tiger Gridders include **FRONT ROW:** Courtney Pfister, Dave Jaskie, Brian Falk, Randy Brinneman, Jim Carr, Bill Record, Wesley Boggs, Mark Biddle, Steve Hoffer, Brad Pike, Keith Wheeler and Mike Parsons. **SECOND ROW:** Steve DeArmond, Duane Adams, Brian Isch, Lonnie Squier, Ryan Pike, Mark Patterson, Dean Hudgins, Ron Whitesel, Tim Engle, Jim Royal and Joe Huss. **THIRD ROW:** Coaches Rex Bowser, George Moore, Ron Gremaux, Gary Carpenter and Dennis Lewis, John Philbaum, Dan Brink, Dick Brickley, Dave Carnall and Mgrs. John Hiester and Mike Uptgraft. **BACK ROW:** Rick Mettler, Todd Burke, Doug King, Jerry Sprankles, Jeff Hoffer, Tom Pastore, Dave Uptgraft, Tom Steffen, Scott Irvin, Joel Christian, Gary Short and Peter Hazelton.

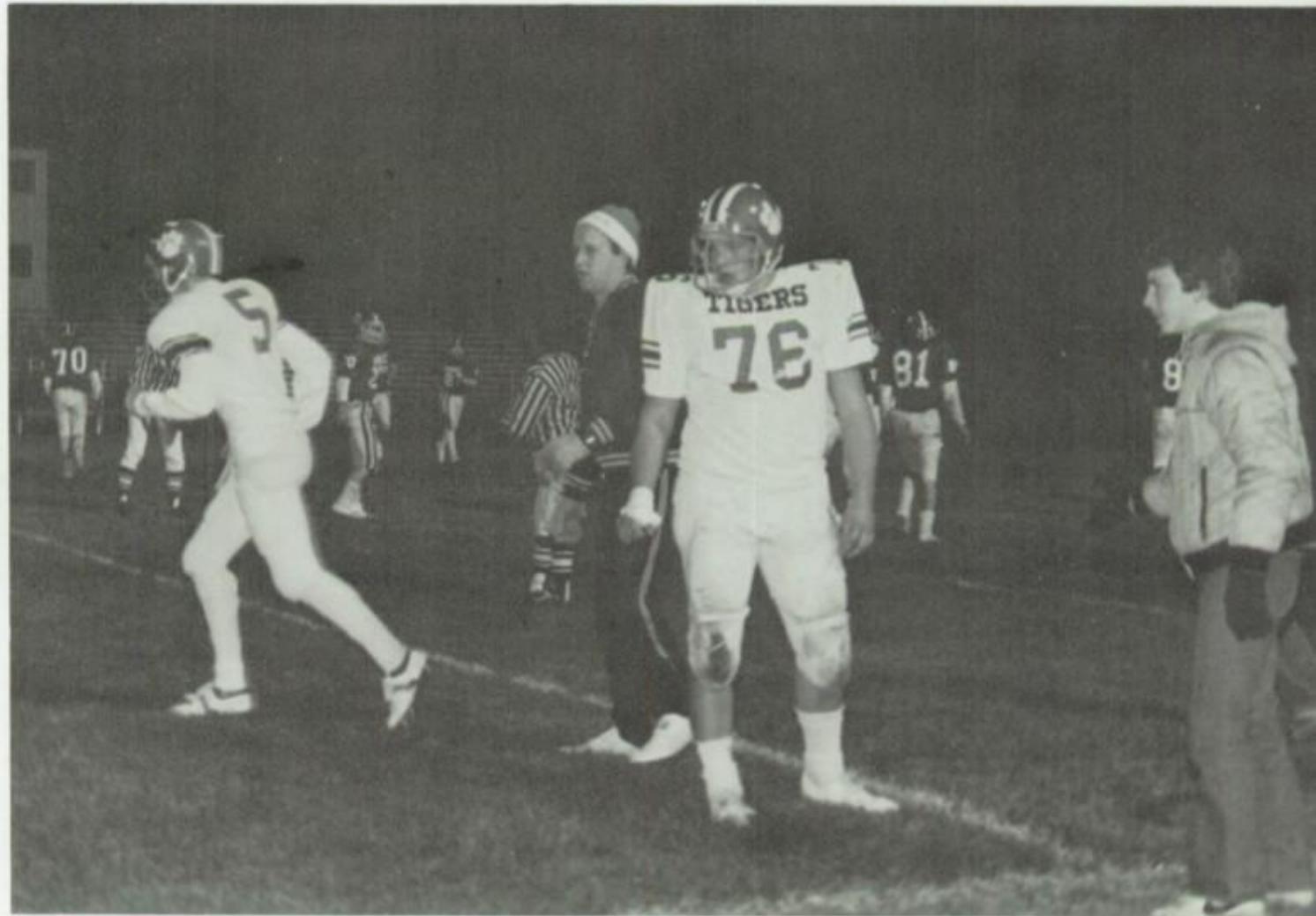
Reserves Scott Irvin, Duane Adams and Brian Falk do some "polishing up" before the next game.

Jerry Sprankles saw much reserve action from his center position, but here he yells from the sidelines during a varsity game.



After a key fumble recovery by Mike Sawyer, Chris Honegger heads for the sidelines.

Coach Carpenter and Duane Adams wait for an official measurement of a close first down in an effort to capture a victory in the last game of the season.



Reserve And Frosh Squads Come Close — But No Cigar

Both the reserve and freshman football squads struggled through disheartening seasons as only one victory was recorded between the two squads.

Under the coaching of Gary Carpenter, the reserve team managed to win only one contest, ending the season with a 1-5 record. But the lone victory was a sweet one as it came against county rival Southern Wells in the last game of the season.

Twice the freshman squad came within seconds of pulling out a victory for Coach George Moore, but fate had other plans for the Tigers, finishing the season at 0-6. Against Riverview,

the freshmen had two seconds to score from their position near the endline, but the play ended one foot short as time ran out, and the Tigers fell by a 6-12 score. Weeks later at South Adams, the team was unable to stop a Starfire drive which resulted in a touchdown in the last seconds of the game. A controversy developed over the timekeepers stopping of the clock which gave the Starfires time for the winning play. But the Tigers had to face the 18-24 defeat in the final game of the season.

Leading rushers for the freshmen were Scott Longenberger with 225 yards

and Chris Honegger with 166 yards. Both players had two touchdowns. Longenberger also led the team in tackles with 35½ followed close by Gerry Riveros with 30. Mike Sawyer recovered two fumbles and Barry Willits had two interceptions to lead the team in those categories.

Although the reserve and freshman squads did not collect many victories, the players gained valuable experience to fill varsity and reserve spots on the 1982 teams.

During his absence from playing, injured Rich Brown helps Coach Moore keep stats.



Freshmen players are **FRONT ROW:** Rex Morgan, Mark Mettler, Mike Sawyer, Curtis Newman, Scott Longenberger, Wayne Grady and Tony Wright. **SECOND ROW:** Kent Hook, David Harriett, Randy Brickey, Gerry Riveros, Chuck Edington, Barry Willits, B.J. Jacobs, Blake Poindexter and Eric Satterfield. **BACK ROW:** Garrett Vietholter, Mark Beals, Chris Holmes, Bob White, David Bengs, Doug Betz, Rich Brown, Doyle Brickey, Chuck Decker, Donald Betz and Coach George Moore.

RESERVE FOOTBALL		
	We	They
Bellmont	0	30
Heritage	0	34
Adams Central	6	30
Norwell	0	32
Eastbrook	0	40
Southern Wells	8	6
Season Record:	1-5	

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL		
	We	They
Riverview	6	12
Adams Central	0	21
Bellmont	6	26
Salamonie	0	24
Norwell	0	12
South Adams	18	24
Season Record:	0-6	



Drake Moser's aluminum racket disappears in the bright sunlight as Don Rhoades uses body language to help Drake complete the smash.

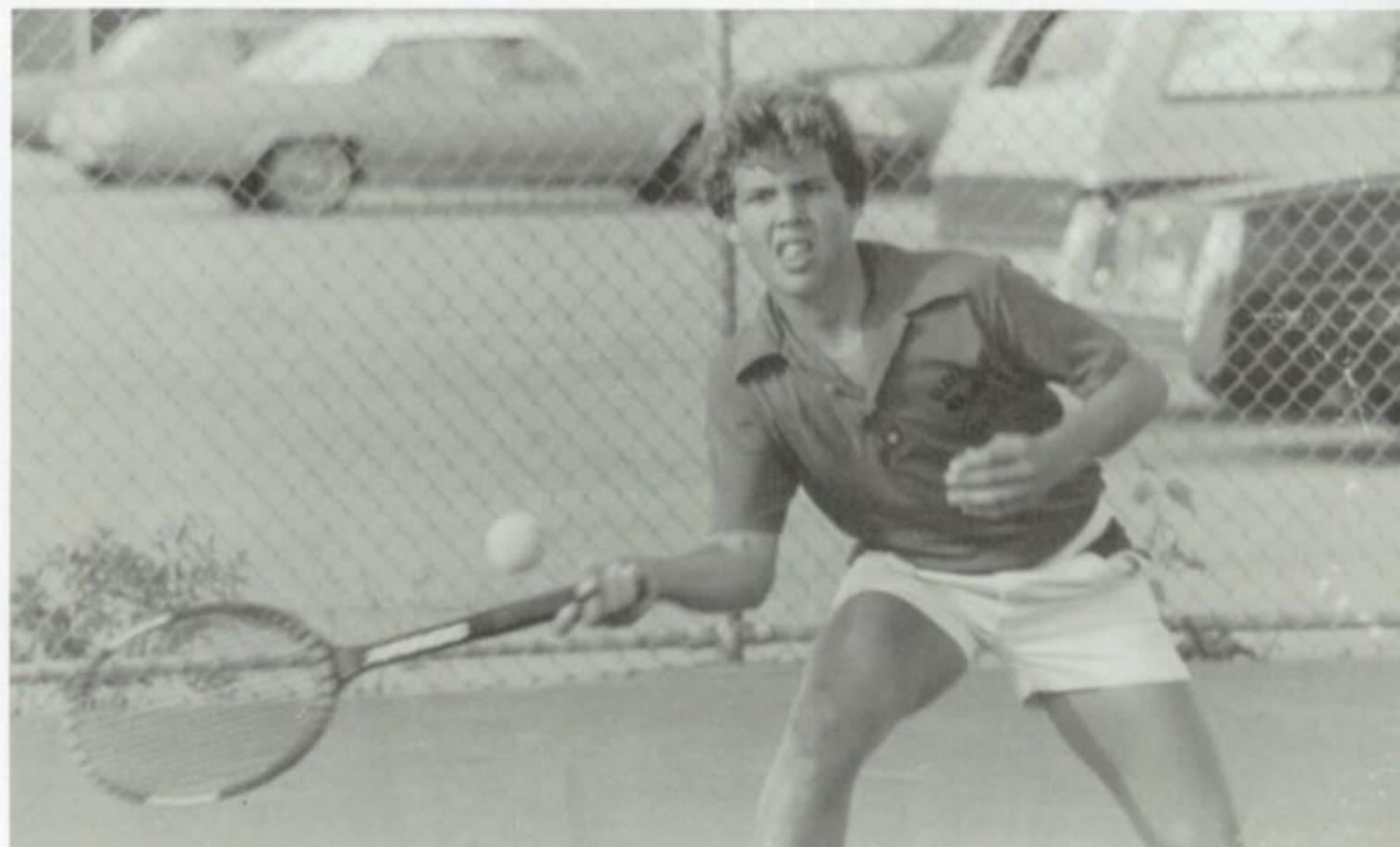


Tracy Cross practices his backhand cross court shot prior to the first match and victory of the tennis season against Fort Wayne North.



The varsity and reserve tennis teams include FRONT ROW: Steve Fether, Rob Karas, Rod Bucher, Mike Deam and Ben Gerber. BACK ROW: Tony Shively, Kyle Wietholter, Rick Miller, Tracy Cross, Don Rhoades and Coach Gary Oxenrider.

Sophomore Rodney Bucher concentrates on his eye/hand coordination in an effort which paid off in the form of a 4-1 victory over Norwell.



Oxenrider Snags 100th Victory

The tennis season was special to eleven year head coach Gary Oxenrider, who has reached a goal many coaches strive to achieve.

This goal was achieved on September 3, 1981 when the Bellmont Braves traveled to the junior high courts to take on the Tigers in the second match of the season.

After the score evened at 2-2, Sophomore Rodney Bucher captured the number two singles match giving Oxenrider his 100th BHS career victory.

Ironically, this was also the only year that he did not carry a winning season record.

Coach Oxenrider's Varsity tennis team finished the season with a record of sev-

en wins and eight losses.

Freshman Rob Karas posted the best individual record of the season at 9-6. Right behind Karas was Junior Drake Moser with a posted 8-6. Other individual records were Tracy Cross 7-8; Rod Bucher 6-9; Rick Miller 1-8; Kyle Wietholter 5-10; and Don Rhoades 0-7.

The reserve team posted a 3-2-1 record with the tie coming against Columbia City.

Junior Tony Shively led the individual records by posting a 6-3 finish. Other individual records from the reserve team were Steve Fether 4-4; Ben Gerber 5-5; Miller 3-3; Rhoades 3-2 and Moser 1-1.



VARSITY TENNIS

	We	They
Fort Wayne North	3	2
Bellmont	3	2
Columbia City	2	3
Norwell	4	1
Homestead	0	5
Fort Wayne Wayne	1	4
East Noble	1	4
South Adams	3	2
New Haven	4	1
Blackford	4	1
DeKalb	2	3
Bishop Luers	1	4
Angola	1	4
Sectional		
Bellmont	3	2
Blackford	2	3
<i>Season Record: 7-8</i>		

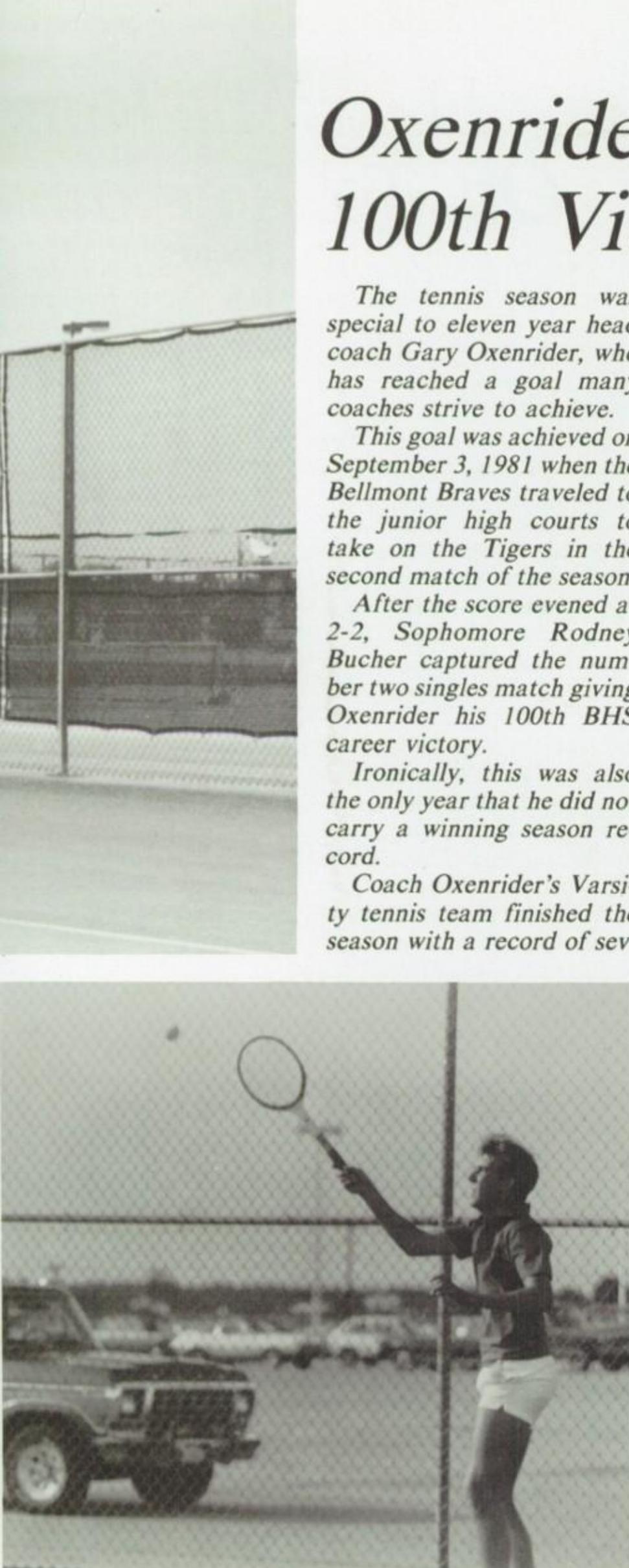
RESERVE TENNIS

	We	They
Bellmont	5	0
Columbia City	2	2
Norwell	1	4
East Noble	0	2
New Haven	4	2
DeKalb	4	3
<i>Season Record: 3-2-1</i>		

Using strategy and power, Mike Deam outwits his Norwell opponent to give Bluffton the third tennis victory of the season.



Senior Tracy Cross plays it safe at the baseline and waits for his opponent to make the first mistake.



Harriers Race On To Regionals



Freshman Jim Hiester makes the turn with one-half mile to go in the NEIAC Meet where his performance earned him a spot on the All-Conference Second Team.

The Tiger Runners, coached by Doug Sundling, ran their way to regional qualification by finishing fifth in sectional. They were the first BHS Cross Country Squad to do so since 1969 when the Tigers took first place honors.

The number one runner for the Tigers during the 1981 season was Freshman Jim Hiester. Following Hiester were Seniors Chris Newell and Brett Smith respectively, with Newell also being nominated honorary captain.

The Tiger Runners had an up and down season, surprising many teams while being surprised by others. One of those negative surprises came during sectional competition when Coach

Sundling felt his runners had a sub-par performance while taking fifth place honors slipping by South Side.

Freshman Tammy McCarty ran the 1981 season with the reserve boy's team with little recognition but her talent was revealed when she placed third in the girls' sectional at School Park and went on to place fourth at the semi-state competition. The honors did not stop there, for she took twelfth place at state; the first girl from Wells County to run at state level.

Both the Boys' Cross Country Team and Girls' Cross Country Team proved that Cross Country is a component of the Bluffton Athletic System truly deserving more regard.



Senior Blake Steury races for the finish line on the home course with an opposing runner close behind.



In her first competition against an all-girl field, Freshman Tammy McCarty smiles after finishing third in the girls' sectional competition at Schoaff Park in Fort Wayne.

Tiger runners warm up and stretch out to help prevent muscle strain in the first home meet of the season.



Runners of the Cross Country squad are FRONT ROW: Tim Hickey, Mark Magley, John Imshwiller, Brian Curry, Dave Sundling, Tammy McCarty and Blake Steury. BACK ROW: Randy Newman, Tim Prough, Everett Schoeff, Brett Smith, Chris Newell, Jim Hiester and Coach Doug Sundling.

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

	We	They
Jay County	41	16
Blackford	33	23
Adams Central	16	45
Churubusco Inv.	8th of 23	
Southern Wells	19	45
Bellmont	39	18
East Noble	39	22
Garrett	27	28
Wayne	45	16
Whitko	17	41
Wabash	44	15
Homestead	33	22
Jay County Inv.	5th of 14	
Harding	50	15
Concordia	35	20
Bishop Luers	15	44
NEIAC	7th of 9	
Bi-County	3rd of 5	
Sectional	5th of 11	
Regional	10th of 10	
Season Record:	39-41	

Spikers Suffer Disappointing Season



The 1981 girls' volleyball team experienced a disappointing season. The varsity ended with a record of 2 wins and 16 losses, and the reserve finished at 0 wins and 7 losses. The final conference record was 1-8. The Tiger spikers ended their season with a loss in sectional played against Wabash, 8-15, 15-6, 7-15.

Two seniors completed their high school volleyball careers, Sherry Shaw and Angie Steele. Steele shared co-captain honors with Junior Sanja Shane.

Due to the fact of having only two seniors, the team was in a rebuilding process this year. Next season looks hopeful for the Tigers. They return nine juniors; and seven of those nine have varsity experience. The juniors are Carla Corle, Dawn Gatke, Natalie Hay, Tanya Isch, Rea Masterson, Deb Moser, Sanja Shane, Lynn Squier, and Shari Stauffer.

Six sophomores return, with Deb Baumgartner and

The Reserve Volleyball Team consisted of **FRONT ROW**: Dawn Gatke, Regan Kreigh, Natalie Hay, Jené Pond. **SECOND ROW**: Kris Gerber, Peggy Pfister, Jane Noe. **BACK ROW**: Mgr. Andrea Miller, Monica Milholland, Lana Oman, Kim Brown, and Coach Diane Wright.

Peggy Pfister having had varsity experience. Kim Brown, Kris Gerber, Monica Milholland, and Lana Oman make up the rest of the sophomores on the volleyball team. Jane Noe led the freshmen, as she played a few games on the varsity squad. Regan Kreigh and Jené Pond were the only other freshmen on the team.

This year Susan Poulsom was the coach of the reserve team. Diane Wright, who was the coach of both squads last season, coached only the varsity team this year. In response to the question of how she liked the season, Wright stated, "The season record was rather disappointing, but the chance to work with the individual girls was rewarding."

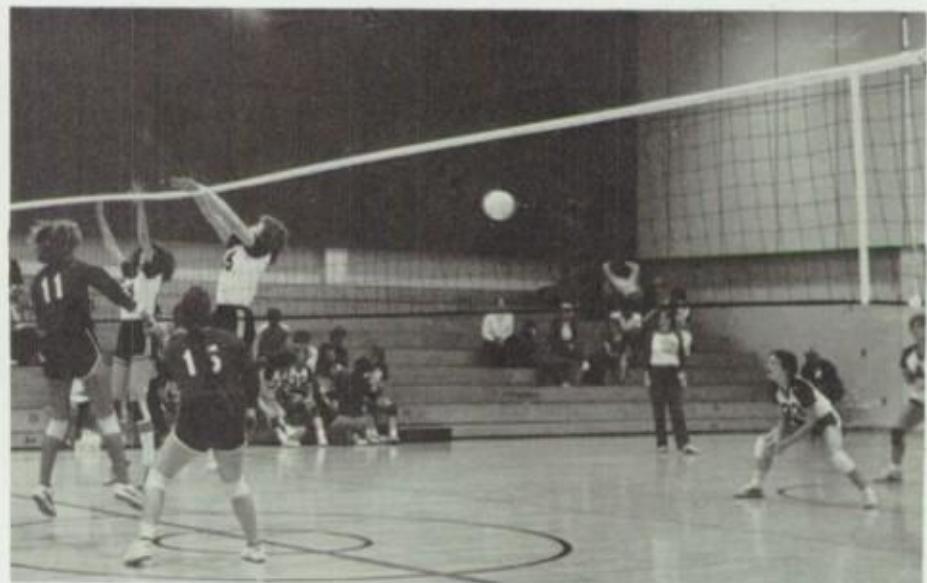
Rea Masterson completes a dink as Angie Steele prepares for the return.



Angie Steele, the leading blocker for the season, teams up with Shari Stauffer in a block attempt against Bellmont.



Sanja Shane, Jane Noe and Rea Masterson move to coverage position while Carla Corle spikes the ball for one of the kills that tied her with Shari Stauffer for the most kills in the season.



Sanja Shane and Deb Moser get involved in front row action as Jane Noe and Angie Steele get ready for the return.

The Varsity Volleyball Team consists of **FRONT ROW**: Shari Stauffer, Mgr. Amy Lobsiger, Mgr. Teresa Moore, Deb Baumgartner. **LEFT SIDE**: Deb Moser, Lynn Squier, Sherry Shaw, Sanja Shane, and Coach Diane Wright. **RIGHT SIDE**: Angie Steele, Carla Corle, Rea Masterson and Tanja Isch.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

	We	They
Jay County	0	2
Hunt. North	1	2
Hunt. Cath.	0	2
Adams Central	0	2
Columbia City	0	2
Norwell	0	2
Garrett	0	2
New Haven	0	2
Angola	2	0
Homestead	0	2
Southern Wells	2	0
South Adams	0	2
East Noble	0	2
DeKalb	0	2
Bellmont	0	2
Adams Central	1	2
Ft. Wayne Wayne	0	2
Sectional		
Wabash	1	2

Season Record: 2-16

Practice pays off for Becky Krebs as she perfects her inward dive.



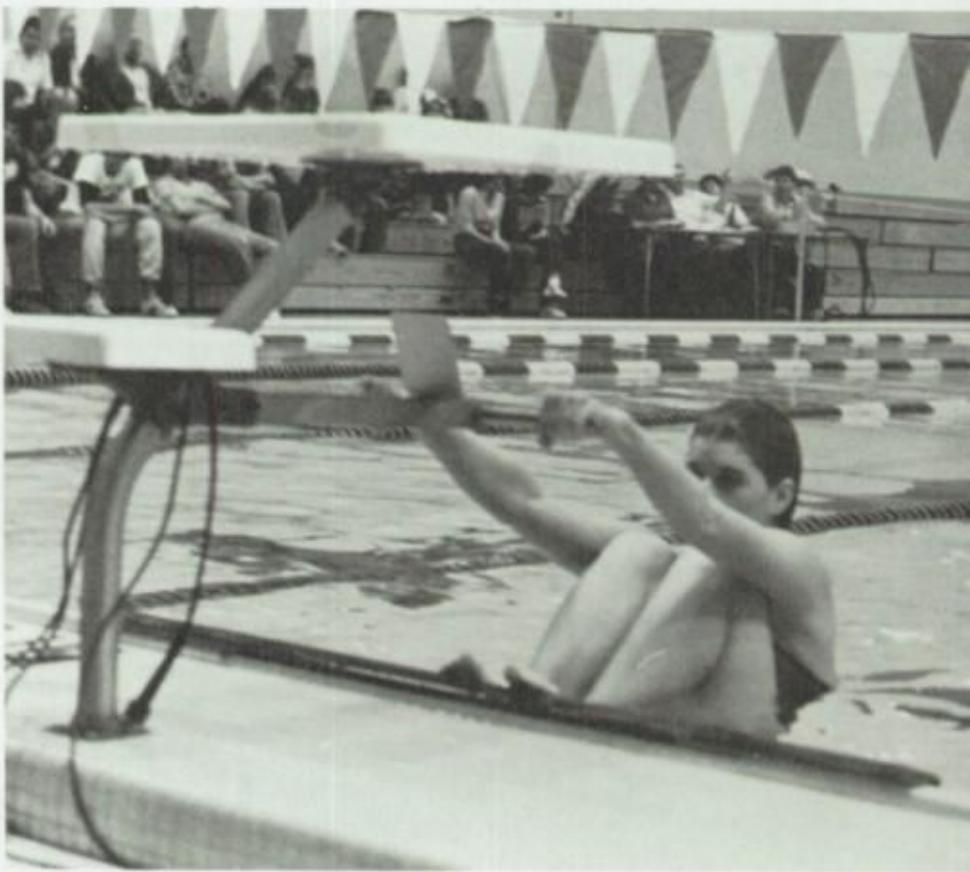
Only the sun is missing as members of the swim team practice for a possible Florida vacation in the Spring.

Members of the 1981 swim team are FRONT ROW: Manager Dianna Flowers, Deanea Hall, Brenda Emshwiller, Julia Worthington, Candy Zoll, Kelly Brickley, Lori Umphrey, Sandra Oliver and Manager Kim Niedlinger. BACK ROW: Coach Peter Schmeckebier, Jenny Kaehr, Tina Rhoades, Tonya Worthington, Mary McArdle, Ingrid Gatke, Becky Krebs, Beth Lohmuller, Julie Seese and Andrea Mock.



Julie Seese takes a second look at the timer as she captures her first victory in the Individual Medley.

Kelly Brickley psyches herself up for her leg of the Medley Relay.



Tankers Set Seven Records

The girls' swim team raised seven school records on the way to a 9-3 season record, the best in BHS swimming history.

Junior Candy Zoll set three records this year to give her a total of four: 50 and 200 meter freestyle, 100 meter butterfly and the medley relay. The 1977 living record, one of the oldest at this school was broken three times by Junior Beth Lohmuller. Sophomore Kelly Brickley now holds the 200 meter m. record with a time of :58.39. Still another record is Jenny Kaehr's time of 1:06.11 in the 100 meter

freestyle, while Lori Umphrey captured the 500 yard/400 meter freestyle record. Senior Becky Krebs lowered the record time in the 100 meter breast stroke to 1:28:81.

When sectional time rolled around there were many tankers who qualified for the trip to Adams Central. Zoll defended her butterfly championship, enabling her to go to state once again. At state she finished 29th, but it was not enough to qualify. Beth Lohmuller also qualified for sectional, finishing eighth in the diving competition. Other qualifiers

were Kaehr, eighth in the 100 meter freestyle; Brickley, ninth in the 100 meter backstroke; and Julia Worthington, Tina Rhoades, Mary McArdle and Kaehr, seventh in free relay with a time of 4:15.25, five seconds faster than qualifying time.

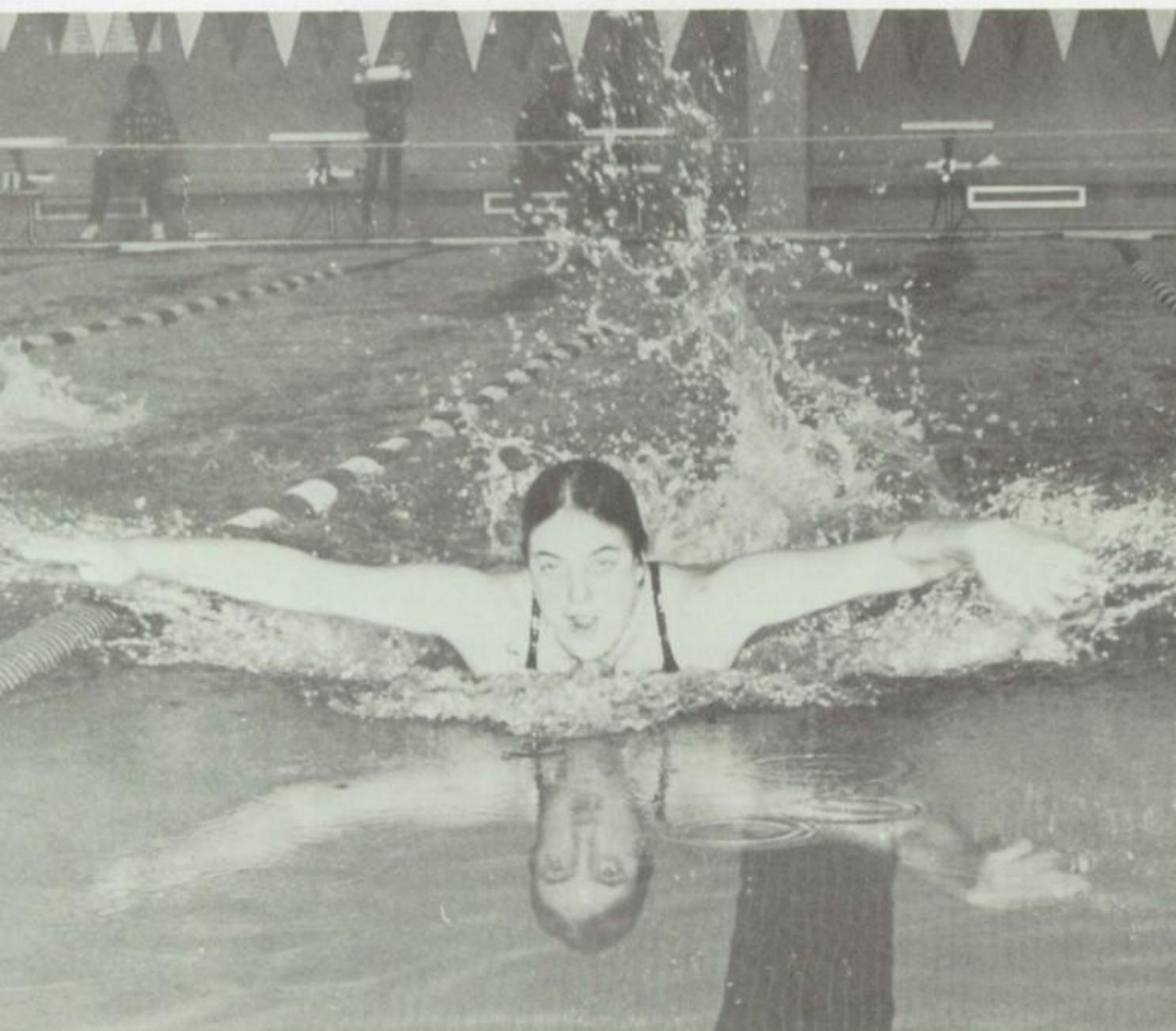
Completing their high school careers as swimmers were Seniors Brenda Emshwiller, Ingrid Gatke, Krebs, Kaehr and Worthington. Along with the other swimmers, they finished their season with a successful splash.

GIRLS SWIMMING

	We	They
Huntington North	112	56
South Adams	100	69
Norwell	116	49
Bellmont	91	101
Delta	76	95
Blackford	134	41
Manchester	125	54
East Noble	106	64
Norwell	114	50
South Adams	95	75
Jay County	107	64
Bellmont	77	95

Season Record: 9-3

Candy Zoll's determination is reflected in the waters of the junior high pool as she practices her butterfly stroke for State.



Tankers Sink In Winless Season

Hampered by record snowfall, cold weather and a temporary breakdown of the pool, the boys' swim team struggled through a disappointing season. However, there were a few bright spots scattered throughout the season.

Nine returning swimmers began practice in October along with Freshman John Emshwiller and a newcomer to the pool scene, Senior Roy Stinson. Recovered from knee surgery, Dave Jaskie began competition in January as a sprinter.

The team turned in its best effort of the season while hosting the Holiday Swim Relays with their best finish ever at third place.

Junior Bill Record led the

team as he shattered Dan Brink's Individual Medley record of 2:44.43, dropping it to 2:39.28. He also lowered his own 100 meter breaststroke record twice. His second record-breaking performance came in the preliminaries of the South Adams Sectional, where he finished third in 1:09.89. In the finals he slowed to 1:10.37, which was still good enough for fourth place.

"In spite of our record (0-13), this was a most satisfying season because we had twelve individuals who were willing to work," Coach Schmeckebier said of his swimmers.

Retiring Seniors are Andy Carnall, John Hiester, Jaskie and Stinson.

BOYS' SWIMMING

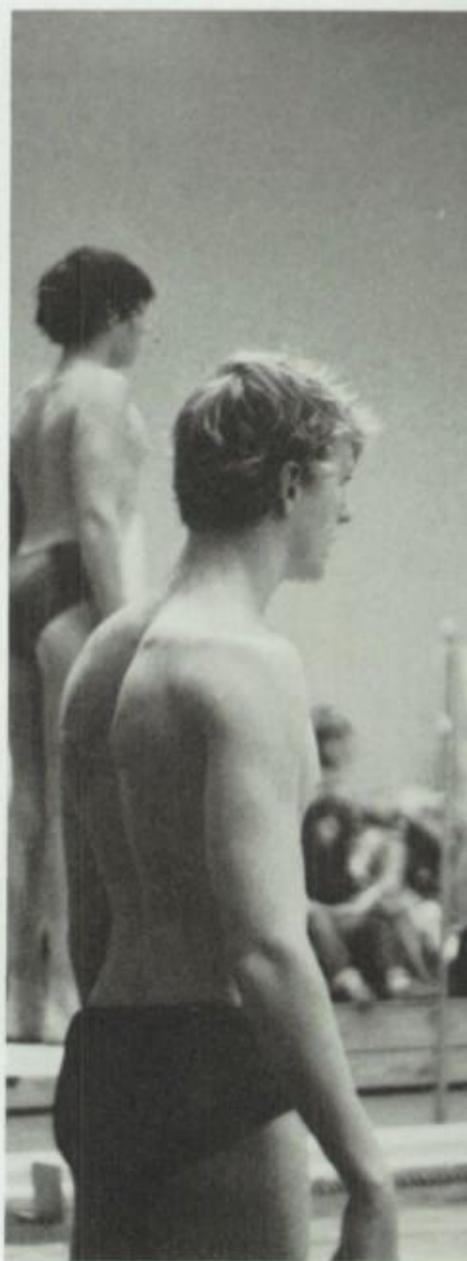
	We	They
Jay County	49	122
Muncie South	72	96
South Adams	14	69
East Noble	25	58
Norwell	72	97
Bluffton Relays	3rd	
Bellmont	56	115
South Adams	49	122
Blackford	62	107
Norwell	65	109
Blackford	37	46
Jay County	17	66
Huntington North	43	129
Delta	64	106

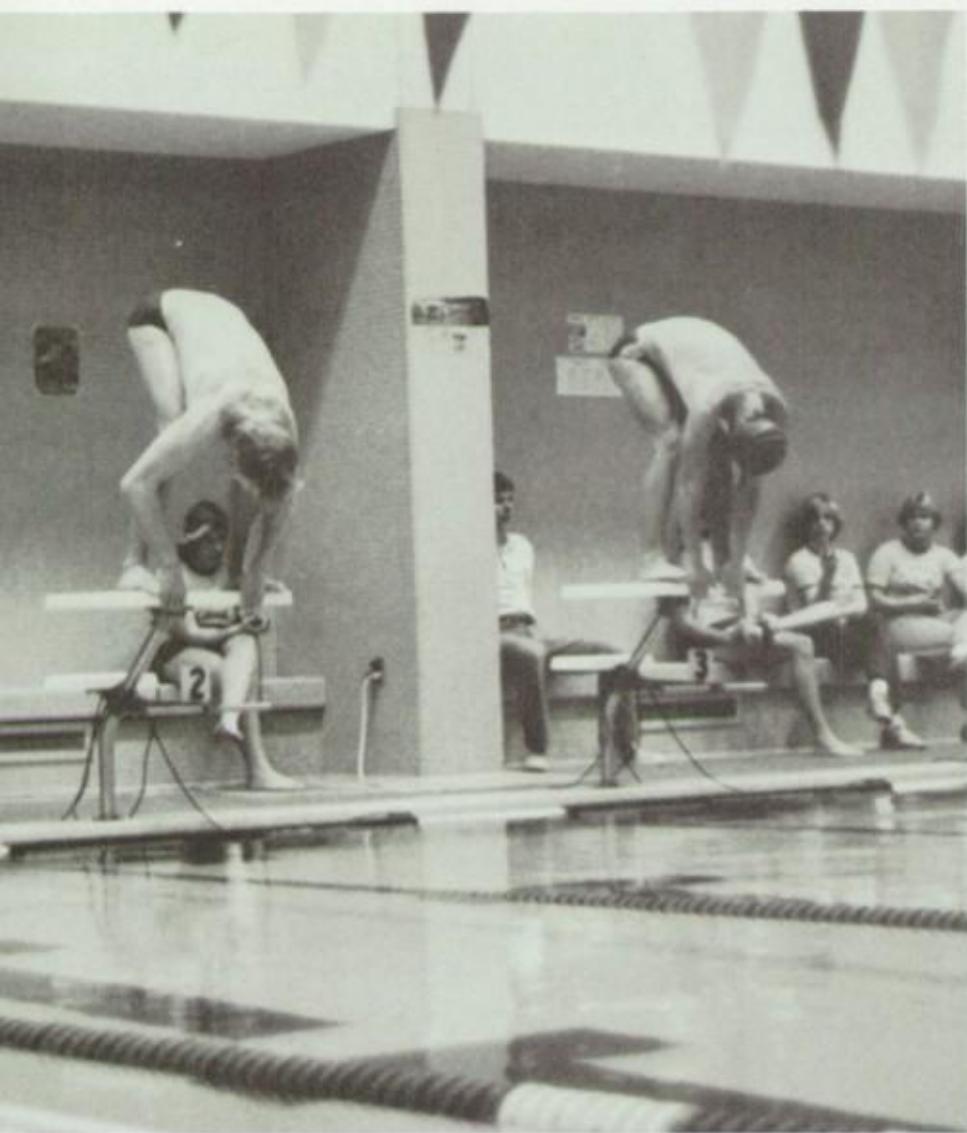
Sectional: 9th

Season Record: 0-13



The top diver this season, Junior Brad Pike, completes a back dive for his highest score of the season.





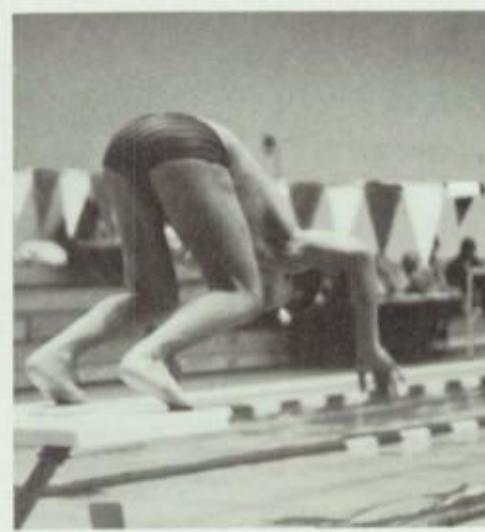
Competitors in the breaststroke wait for the sound of the gun during a home meet with Muncie South.



*The boys' swim team consists of **FRONT ROW**: Dave Jaskie, Managers Lori Umphrey and Sandra Oliver. **SECOND ROW**: Coach Pete Schmeckebier, John Hiester, Kurt Byanski, Bill Record, Dave Butler, Roy Stinson, Scott Irvin, Terry Vice, Brad Pike, John Emshwiller and Mike Upt graft.*



Coach Pete Schmeckebier converses with the meet official about one of the rules.



Senior Roy Stinson begins the free style quarter of the Tiger medley relay team.



The 200 m. individual medley and 100 m. breaststroke record holder, Bill Record, concentrates on his next race.

Swimming the first four lengths in the medley relay, Junior Terry Vice gets a good start on his opponents.

TIGER TAKE DOWNS

The 1981-82 wrestling team charged by Coach Ron Gremaux completed a distinguished season with a record of 6-3-1.

Coach Gremaux was admitted to the wrestling system at Bluffton High School in 1979, since then a continuous upgrade in participation has been revealed.

Much of the spirit must be credited to the enthusiasm of the mat maids. The mat maids raised school spirit by making signs, decorating lockers, making scrapbooks and many other helpful events.

The Tigers first winning season came with the efforts of nine seniors and a full squad of underclassmen.

With the first winning season came the most points scored in tournaments and the most people to place at conference and sectional.

In the wrestling sectional at Adams Central, Jeff

Hoffer became the only Tiger Champion by placing first in the 167 pound class. Runner-ups in this tournament were Dean Schisler and Steve Hoffer in the 105 and 177 pound class respectively.

Having yet to evolve a conference champion, Bluffton placed two wrestlers second. Dean Schisler took second at 105 followed by teammate Jeff Hoffer

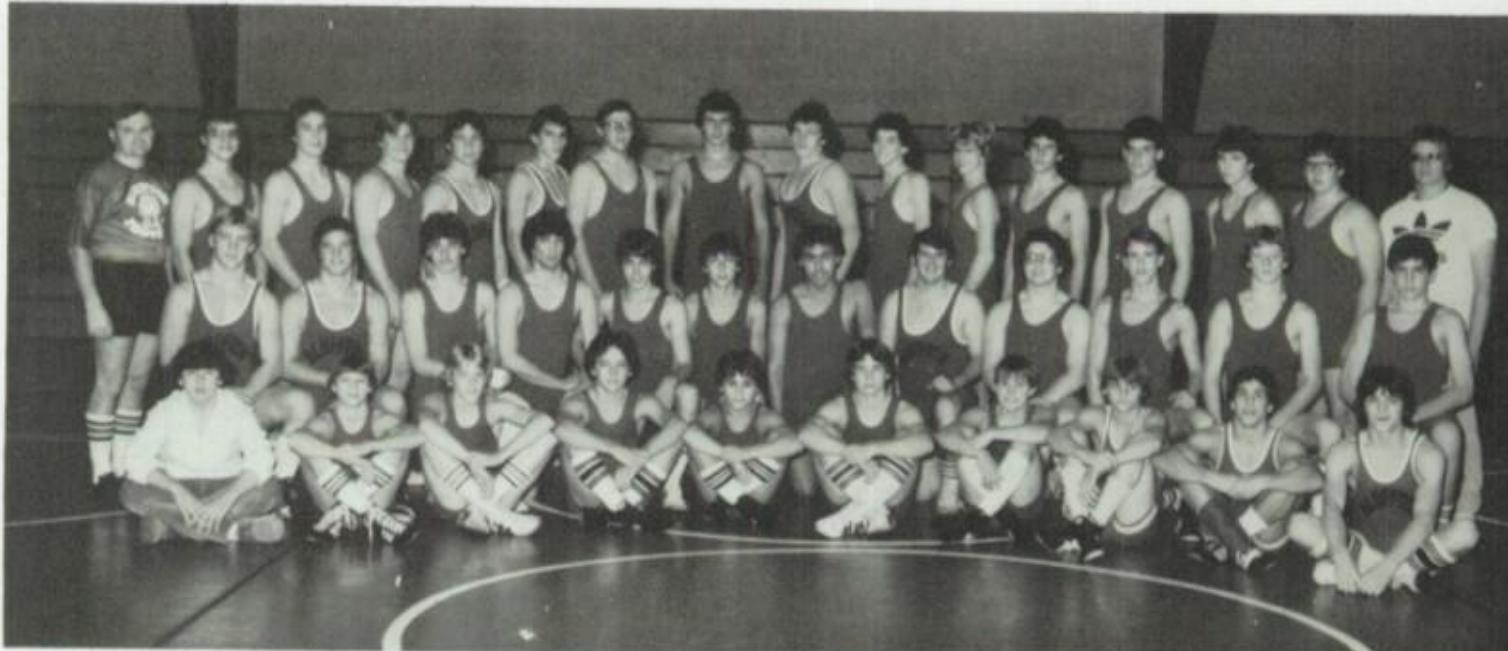
placing second at 177.

After performing the best season in the Tiger wrestling history, Bluffton may soon recognize wrestling as a major sporting event which will take priority behind basketball and football.

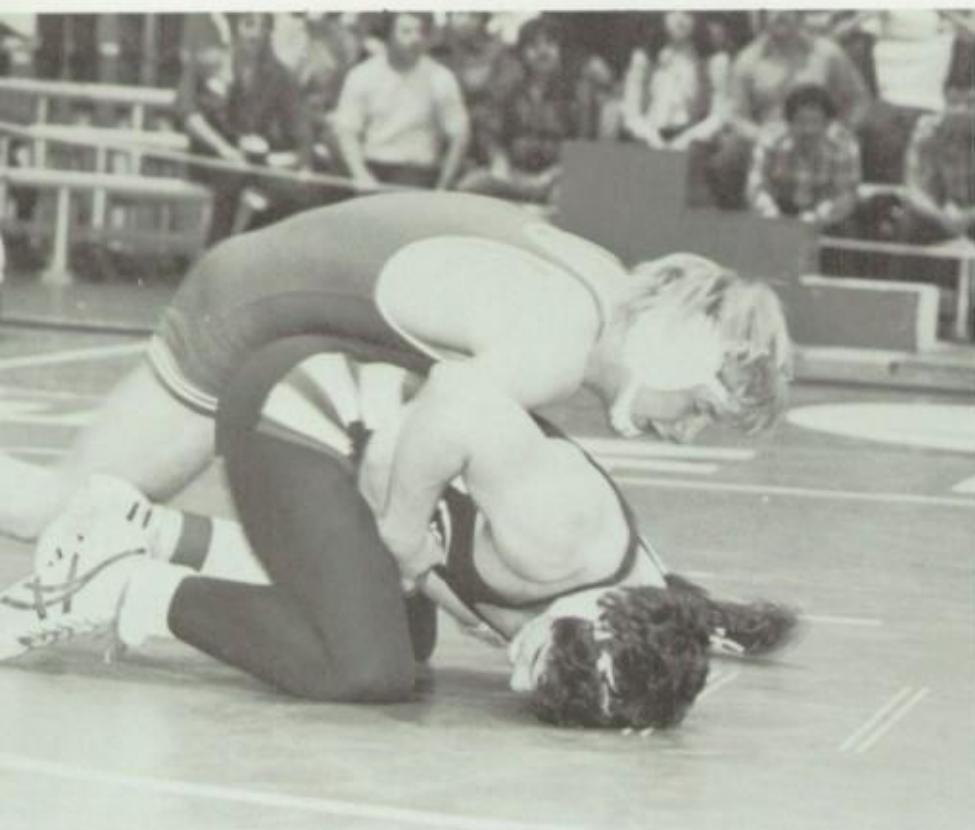
Senior Randy Brinneman prepares for stiff competition in the 177 pound match against Norwell.



A past wrestling injury brings Coach Ron Gremaux to the aid of Steve Hoffer, as Jim Osborn looks on in anticipation.

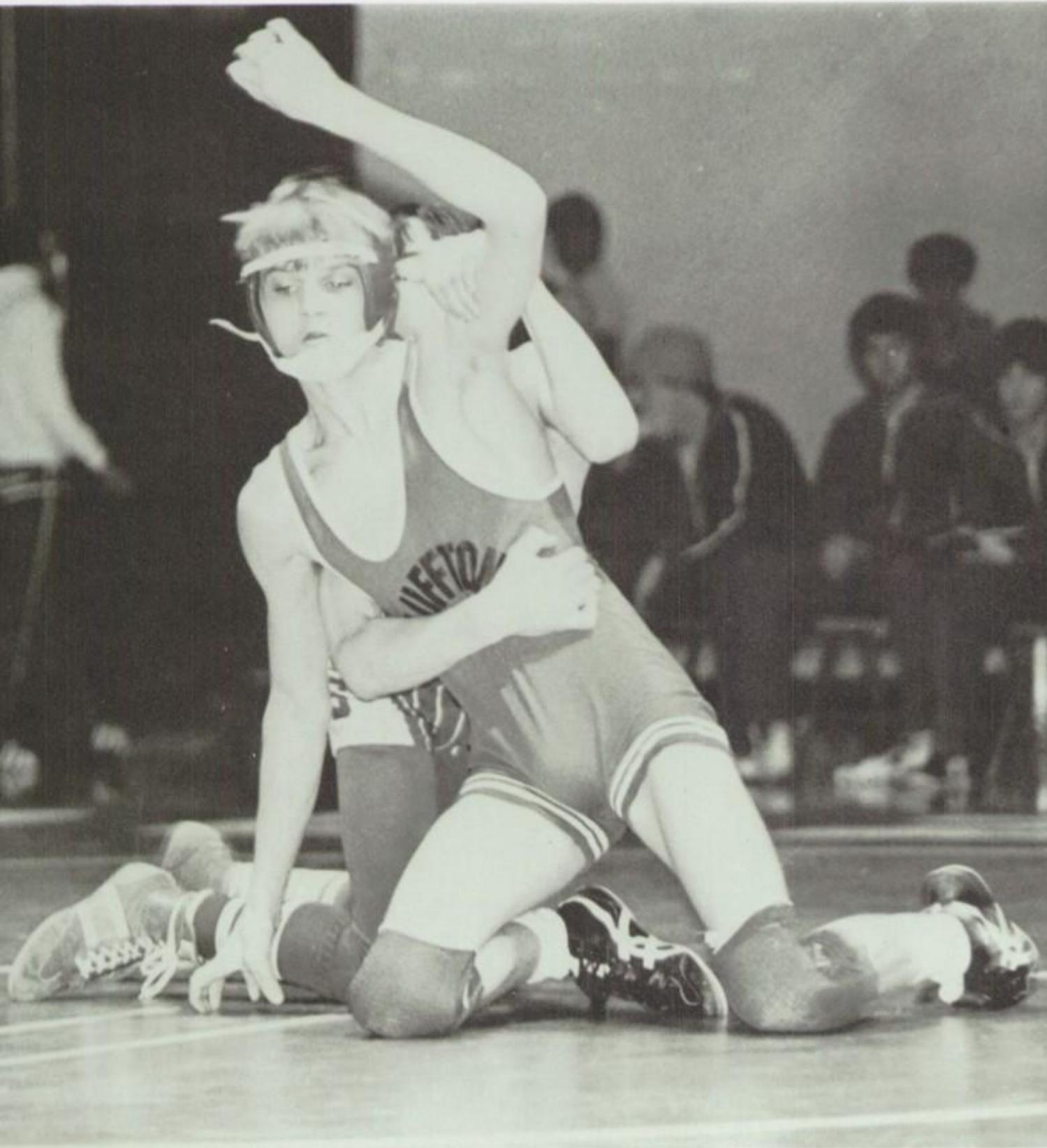


The 1981-82 Wrestling Team consists of **FRONT ROW:** Manager Rick Huggett, Tom Vandentop, Greg Baumgartner, Troy Chaffee, Don Caudill, Joe Leitner, Curtis Leigh Newman, Dean Schisler, Blake Steury, and Kenny Garrison. **SECOND ROW:** Jeff Hoffer, Randy Brinneman, Kevin Ripple, Mitch Barger, B.J. Jacobs, Eric Satterfield, Gerry Riveros, Jim Osborn, Larry Mock, Randy Newman, Joel Christian, and Shane Brinson. **BACK ROW:** Coach Ron Gremaux, Doug Swisher, Dave Surfus, Jerry Sprankles, Steve Hoffer, Dave Harnish, Tim Engle, Dick Brickley, Tim Dillman, Jim Korte, Tony Wright, Chris Honegger, Garrett Wietholter, Doug Shoup, Ralph Osborn, and Assistant Coach Craig Bultimeir.



First year sensation Jeff Hoffer attempts to break down a Bellmont wrestler as he advances to his first sectional championship.

Senior wrestler Blake Steury proves it's the little people you have to watch out for, as his little sister Sarah tries out her new moves.



VARSITY WRESTLING

	We	They
Woodlan	36	30
East Noble	33	33
New Haven	29	25
Heritage	39	25
DeKalb	33	35
Columbia City	29	39
Norwell	45	21
Eastbrook	41	18
South Adams	46	15
Adams Central	29	35

Season Record: 6-3-1

In the 105 pound class Dean Schisler sets up his next move as the Tiger wrestlers sense the taste of victory against state ranked Adams Central.

BOYS' VARSITY
BASKETBALL

	We	They
South Side	64	75
Blackford	49	60
East Noble	53	62
Southern Wells	47	60
Bellmont	39	41
Jay County	68	71
Garrett	57	47
New Haven	70	83
South Adams	75	71
Norwell	49	53
South Adams	65	59
DeKalb	58	73
DeKalb	67	96
Southern Wells	62	74
Angola	59	72
Adams Central	62	51
Homestead	46	70
Bishop Luers	61	62
Columbia City	57	47
Heritage	60	58
Sectional		
Southern Wells	46	51
Season Record: 6-15		



Rick Mettler jumps for a loose ball, as Kurt Kipfer and Courtney Pfister move to their positions.



No, Chris Corle is not waving to his fans in the stands, but hustling to stop a Raider fast break.

A Season Of Improvement

End results often differ from beginning expectations. This was true for the 1981-82 boys' varsity basketball team. Coach Lewis stated, "I wish we could have won more games, but we played well during the season. We lost a few close games because we had mental breakdowns, but overall I feel we did improve as the season progressed."

Playing a big role in that improvement were the ten seniors. The experienced Jim Carr, Tracy Cross, Brett Garrett, Kurt Kipfer, Rick Mettler, Tim Nowak, Courtney Pfister, and Andy Shively gave the team depth. Shively was also

named "Most Valuable Player" for the season. Newcomers Chris Corle and Dan Brink added speed and muscle to the squad, and Brink was voted "Most Improved." Rounding out the varsity squad were Juniors Rick Miller and Kyle Wietholter.

Leading the team in scoring was Brett Garrett with a 13.6 average. Not far behind was Andy Shively with an average of 12.7. Garrett and Shively were also the leaders in free-throw percentage and rebounding, respectively. Garrett's eye for the basket from the line was extremely good, as he ended with one of the state's best

percentages of 90.

Adding to Shively's 14 rebounds were Tracy Cross and first-year player Dan Brink. Cross pulled down 8 boards, while Brink rebounded 70 missed shots.

The Tigers ended their 15 season with a loss to eventual sectional champion Southern Wells. The Tigers placed Andy Shively on the all-sectional second team and Brett Garrett earned honorable mention status. Garrett was also named to the NEIAC second team and Shively was named to the honorable mention squad.

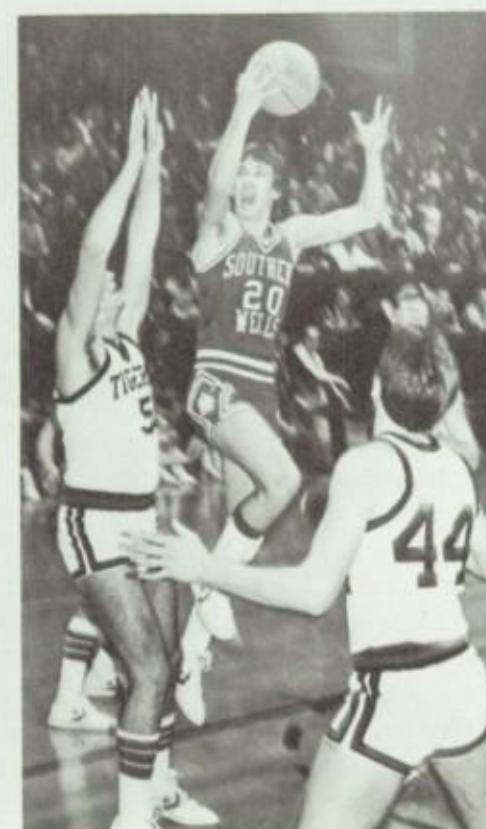
The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team consists of **FRONT ROW:** Kurt Kipfer, Jim Carr, Brett Garrett, Rick Mettler, Chris Corle, Courtney Pfister. **BACK ROW:** Coach Dennis Lewis, Manager Chad Captain, Tracy Cross, Rick Miller, Dan Brink, Kyle Wietholter, Andy Shively, Tim Nowak, Coach Ken Ballinger, Coach Tony Garton.



Senior Tracy Cross shows his freethrow form as he attempts to add another point to the Tiger's side of the scoreboard.



Andy Shively reaches high to get the tip to start the rematch with Southern Wells.



Dan Brink stretches to his full 6'5" height in a good defensive effort with Tracy Cross to stop Pat Hamilton of Southern Wells.

Brett Garrett flies through the air during a game against the Eagles of Columbia City.

BOYS' RESERVE
BASKETBALL

	We	They
South Side	32	55
Blackford	43	51
East Noble	45	50
Southern Wells	33	48
Bellmont	36	45
Jay County	33	35
New Haven	47	39
Garrett	37	31
South Adams	45	36
South Adams	36	41
Norwell	33	45
Southern Wells	35	40
Angola	40	52
Adams Central	45	40
DeKalb	41	47
Homestead	40	35
Bishop Luers	42	43
Columbia City	39	26
Heritage	40	39

Season Record: 7-12

Tiger Cubs Finish Strong

The Tiger Cubs came on strong toward the end of the season to finish with a respectable 7-12 record. The young Tigers will provide a great foundation for next year's varsity squad, as they finished the season shooting 53% from the field and 57% from the line.

Leading the team in scoring was Junior Dave Irwin. He shot at a 61% clip and ended with a scoring average of 11.8 points per game. Next in line were Juniors Rick Miller and Kyle Wietholter. They finished with averages of 8.8 and 7.7 respectively.

Rebound leaders for the team were Miller with 95 boards and Irwin with 70. Sophomores Kevin Gerber also pulled down 52 missed shots from his guard position.

Ending the season with an exciting win over a tough Heritage squad, the reserves will be ready to pick up that momentum next year as varsity team members.

Leaping high over his opponent's outstretched arm, Kyle Wietholter taps the ball to Rick Miller.

Sophomore Kevin Walburn shows great concentration as he prepares to shoot a free throw.



The Reserve Boys' Basketball Team consists of **FRONT ROW**: Mike Blair, Tom Steffen, Kevin Gerber, Ben Gerber, Mike Clifton, Dave Irwin. **BACK ROW**: Head Coach Dennis Lewis, student manager Chad Captain, Fred Ilnicki, Brian Isch, Ryan Pike, Rick Miller, Brian Falk, Kevin Walburn, Assistant Coach Ken Ballinger, Reserve Coach Tony Garton.





Mike Sawyer leads his team on a fast break down the floor in an attempt for a basket.

A Southern Wells defender attempts to block his shot, but Doug Betz releases it just in time to score.

As the Tiger team warms up before a game, Doug Betz awaits a ball from above.



Caught in the off-season the Freshmen Basketball team consists of **FRONT ROW**: Mgr. Chuck Wallace, Rob Karas, Mike Sawyer, Jason Miller, and Tom Athan. **SECOND ROW**: Mark Beals, Mark Roberts, Kent Hook, Barry Willets, Mark Mettler and Scott Longenberger. **BACK ROW**: Coach Ken Ballinger, David Harriett, Willie Inskeep, Doug Betz, Rich Brown and Chuck Edington.



Brown Breaks Bones; Freshmen Clear .500

After losing one of their leading scorers and rebounders to injury, the freshman team could pull out only two wins in their last six games. Even with this disadvantage, the little Tigers ended their season with a winning record of 7-

fractured both his arms and took his 6.9 scoring average to the sidelines. Teammates Doug Betz and Scott Longenberger picked up their scoring pace as they finished the season with 14.8 and 7.5 scoring averages respectively.

Betz and Brown also were leaders in the rebounding category. Betz pulled down 103 boards, while Brown

had 62 rebounds. Mark Beals also helped with the rebounding chores as he grabbed 47 missed shots.

Looking forward to next year, these freshmen will leave Coach Ken Ballinger to make up next year's reserve squad. And, as was evident from this year, the little Tigers will be striving for a winning season.

BOYS' FRESHMEN BASKETBALL

	We	They
Marion Bennett	58	17
Jay County	37	27
Southern Wells	41	51
Riverview	55	45
Crestview	35	41
Columbia City	32	29
Adams Central	52	48
Norwell	35	54
Hunt. Catholic	37	33
Blackford	39	48
Salamonie	29	33
South Adams	68	57
Bellmont	32	35
<i>Season Record:</i>	7-6	

When Rich Brown went crashing into the wall during the Norwell game, he

GO BIG RED!!!!!!

In charge of the school spirit this year were the cheerleaders, Tiger Mascot and Mat Maids.

The cheerleaders' goal was to bring spirit into the school by cheering at boys' basketball and football games and by getting the crowds involved. Also helping to get the crowds excited during the basketball games

was the Tiger Mascot, Jenny Kaehr. Jenny brought enthusiasm into the gym and helped pass out centennial patches to the crowds.

While the cheerleaders and Mascot were bringing the crowds together for football and basketball games, the Mat Maids were cheering on the wrestlers.

They psyched up the wrestling team by putting banners and signs to inform the school about upcoming meets. During the meets the Mat Maids handed out ribbons and oranges to the wrestlers. To cap the season off, the Mat Maids made scrapbooks for the senior wrestlers.

The Mat Maids consist of FRONT ROW: Teresa Taylor, Julie Hacha, Nancy Noonan, Georgie Collier, Lisa Miller, Pam Murphy and Jill Harnish. SECOND ROW: Lana Oman, Vicki Christianson, Daphne Willet and Kelly Allread. BACK ROW: Gina Cully and Marlayne Hirzel.

Mittens prove to be a necessary item for Cheryl Honegger but Angie George braves the below freezing temperatures at the homecoming game.



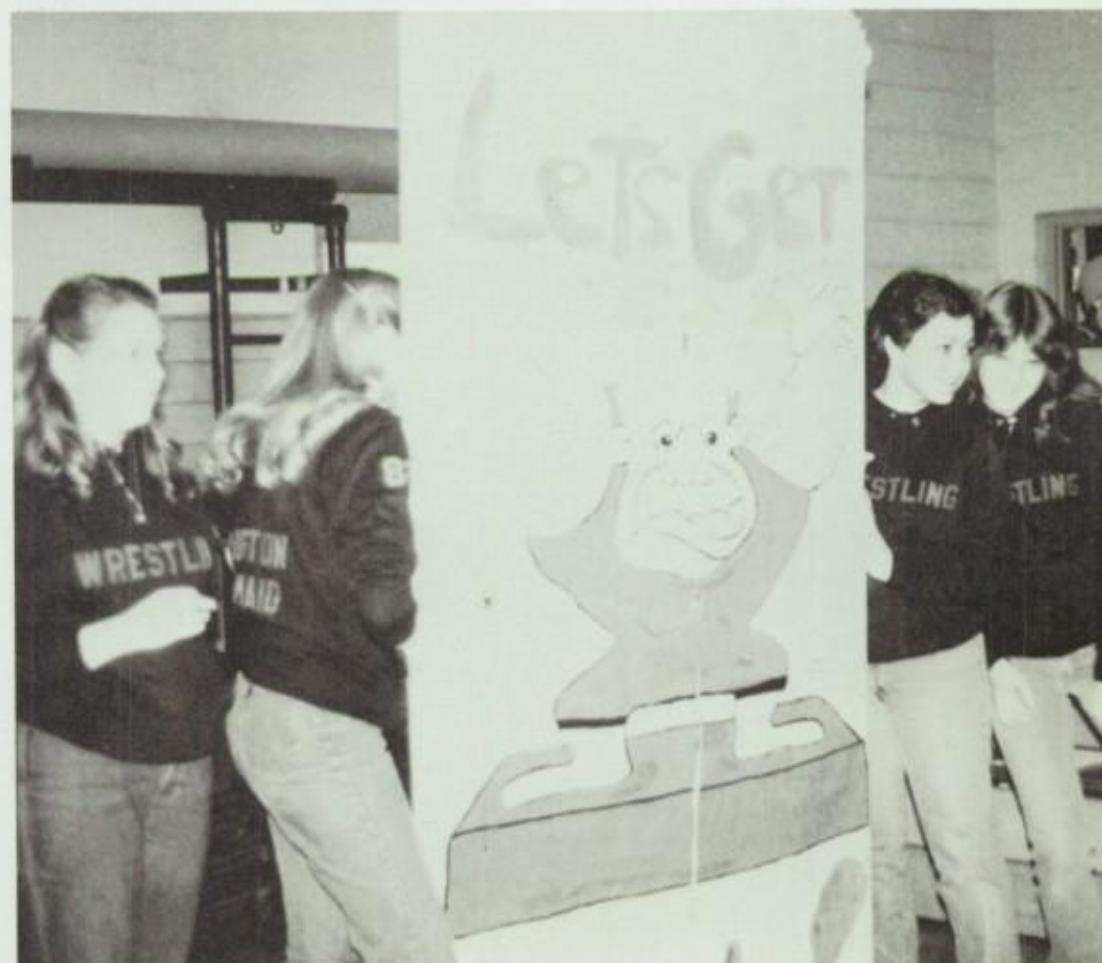
Freshman Cheerleaders are FRONT ROW: Daphne Steury and Becky Masterson. SECOND ROW: Thea Barnes. BACK ROW: Regan Kreigh.





The varsity and reserve cheerleaders are Kendra White, Heather Jackson, Cheryl Honegger, Shelly Meyer, Lisa Randall, Angie Renner, Becky Krebs, Cheryl Schorey and Angie George.

Waiting for the wrestlers to make their entrance are Mat Maids Julie Hach, Nancy Noonan, George Collier and Pam Murphy.



After the Athletic Banquet honoring former BHS lettermen, Tiger Mascot Jenny Kaehr presents a Circle B blanket to the oldest living letterman, Mr. Lawrence Fair.



Kendra White gets the crowd fired up with the school song at halftime of a varsity football game.

The Lady Tigers of the court include **FRONT ROW**: Brenda Emshwiller, Angie Steele, Sara Longenberger, Julia Worthington and Coach Ron DeWitt. **BACK ROW**: Sanja Shane, Tanya Isch, Shari Stauffer, Carla Corle and Rea Masterson.



Carla Corle and Bellmont's Leesa Gross scramble for a loose ball in the Tiger's final game.

Freshman Kris Hinesley takes good care of the basketball during a game with East Noble.



After a shot rolls off the rim, teammates Leah Huvendick and Angie Steele reach for a rebound against South Adams.



Blocking out South Adams' Stacey Hartman, Shari Stauffer and Angie Steele go for a rebound.



Lady Tigers Tie Best Record Under DeWitt-Style Coaching

Coach Ron DeWitt led the 1981 version of the Lady Tigers to a 5-13 record. Those five wins tied the school record set during the '75-'76 and '77-'78 seasons. Another first for the team was a win in the sectional. Bluffton upset defending sectional champs South Adams by a score of 46-38, before losing to Bellmont, 36-65. The Starfires had beaten the Tigers twice during the season, once by a 20 point margin. Bellmont had defeated them during the regular season, also.

This year, the team has four seniors who shared captain honors. They were Brenda Emshwiller, Sara

Longenberger, Angie Steele, and Julie Worthington. With only four seniors, the underclassmen played a big part in filling some major gaps during the season. Juniors Carla Corle, Tanya Isch, Rea Masterson, Sanja Shane, and Shari Stauffer, and Freshman Kris Hinesley worked well with the upperclassmen.

Leading the Lady Tigers in scoring were Seniors Sara Longenberger and Angie Steele, and Freshman Kris Hinesley. Longenberger averaged 12.3 points a game, and Steele and Hinesley were next with averages of 7.2 and 6.9 respectively. Along

with leading the Tigers in scoring, Longenberger led Wells County for the season.

Height was a major disadvantage this year, with the tallest player measuring in at 5'9". Rebounds, therefore, came few and far between. Leading rebounder this season was Steele with 88 boards followed by Longenberger with 68 and Carla Corle with 51.

Summing up the season, Coach DeWitt stated, "It was fun coaching this year's girls' basketball team because of their willingness to learn and their aggressive play."

GIRLS' VARSITY

BASKETBALL

	We	They
Garrett	57	62 (ot)
Adams Central	32	31
Norwell	31	54
Homestead	65	62
Hunt. North	34	52
Hunt. Catholic	58	17
New Haven	48	53
DeKalb	39	71
Bellmont	25	46
Southern Wells	56	52
South Adams	34	40
Jay County	38	58
East Noble	52	67
South Adams	41	61
Columbia City	15	45
Angola	43	53
Sectional		
South Adams	46	38
Bellmont	36	65
Season Record:	5-13	



After stealing the ball from a Southern Wells player, Rea Masterson makes a break toward the basket.

Sara Longenberger's tough defense allows Bluffton to prevail over the Starfires in Sectional action.

Freshman Lacey Knowles remains calm under the pressure of making the inbounds pass against the press.



Leah Huvendick concentrates on her follow through after an important free throw.



The reserve team includes
FRONT ROW: Beth Meyer, Monica Milholland, Kris Hinesley, Tina Rhoades and Jane Noe. **BACK ROW:** Coach Susan Poulson, Manager Holly Perry, Lacey Knowles, Cindy Szott, Tammy Perry, Lori Mann, Leigh Huvendick and Manager Carla Strong.



Leah Huvendick beats the referee and an angry Southern Wells player up the floor after stealing the ball.





Poulson Brings Pride To Reserve Tigers

Moving up from a junior high coaching position, Coach Susan Poulson led the Reserve Lady Tigers to a 9-6 season record, the best in the six years that BHS has offered the sport. In conference play, the reserve record was even more impressive, boasting six wins against two losses.

Freshman guard Lacey Knowles proved to be an integral member of the team

as she led in all stat departments with 89 points, 36 steals, 31 assists and tied Leah Huvendick with 67 rebounds. Kris Hinesley, who saw much varsity action, contributed 78 points. Freshman Jane Noe added 24 assists and 18 steals.

Reserve members enjoyed a successful season while gaining valuable experience for next year.



Capitalizing on an Angola turnover, Freshman Jane Noe finishes up a Tiger fastbreak with two points.

An exhausted Lacey Knowles discovers that she still has enough energy to put some tough defensive pressure on an Angola player.

GIRLS' RESERVE BASKETBALL

	We	They
Garrett	25	17
Adams Central	19	22
Norwell	20	24
Homestead	36	14
Hunt. North	22	29
Hunt. Catholic	31	20
New Haven	40	39
DeKalb	17	24
Bellmont	37	33
Southern Wells	26	18
Crestview	33	16
Jay County	16	31
East Noble	16	34
South Adams	34	11
Angola	41	28

Season Record: 9-6

Competition Intensified With Faculty Participation

The teachers' team, an addition to the intramural scene, provided extra competition to the five student teams as they finished the season in second place with a record of 6-2. Mr. Gary Oxenrider led the newly formed squad in scoring and finished second overall with 101 points. Mr. Moore was captain and also served as coordinator.

At the end of the intramural basketball season, Brett Smith's team found

themselves on top with a record of 7-1. Following the teachers' team were Dave Uptgraft's and Chuck Goolley's teams. Nathan Chandler's team finished in fourth place at 2-6 while Don Rhoades' squad ended up at 1-7.

Smith topped all scorers with 146 points on the season, an average of 18.2 per game. Tying Mr. Oxenrider with 101 points in second place was Keith Wheeler. Phil Baumgartner and Bob

King rounded out the five with 89 and 80 points respectively.

With record snow fall this winter, many of the games had to be rescheduled. Although this caused some problems, all of the games were completed.

For the forty students and teachers involved, intramurals provided an excellent opportunity to get out and exercise during the winter months.

Displaying his jumping ability, Assistant coordinator Stan Gilbert sets up a fast break for an easy Oxenrider basket.



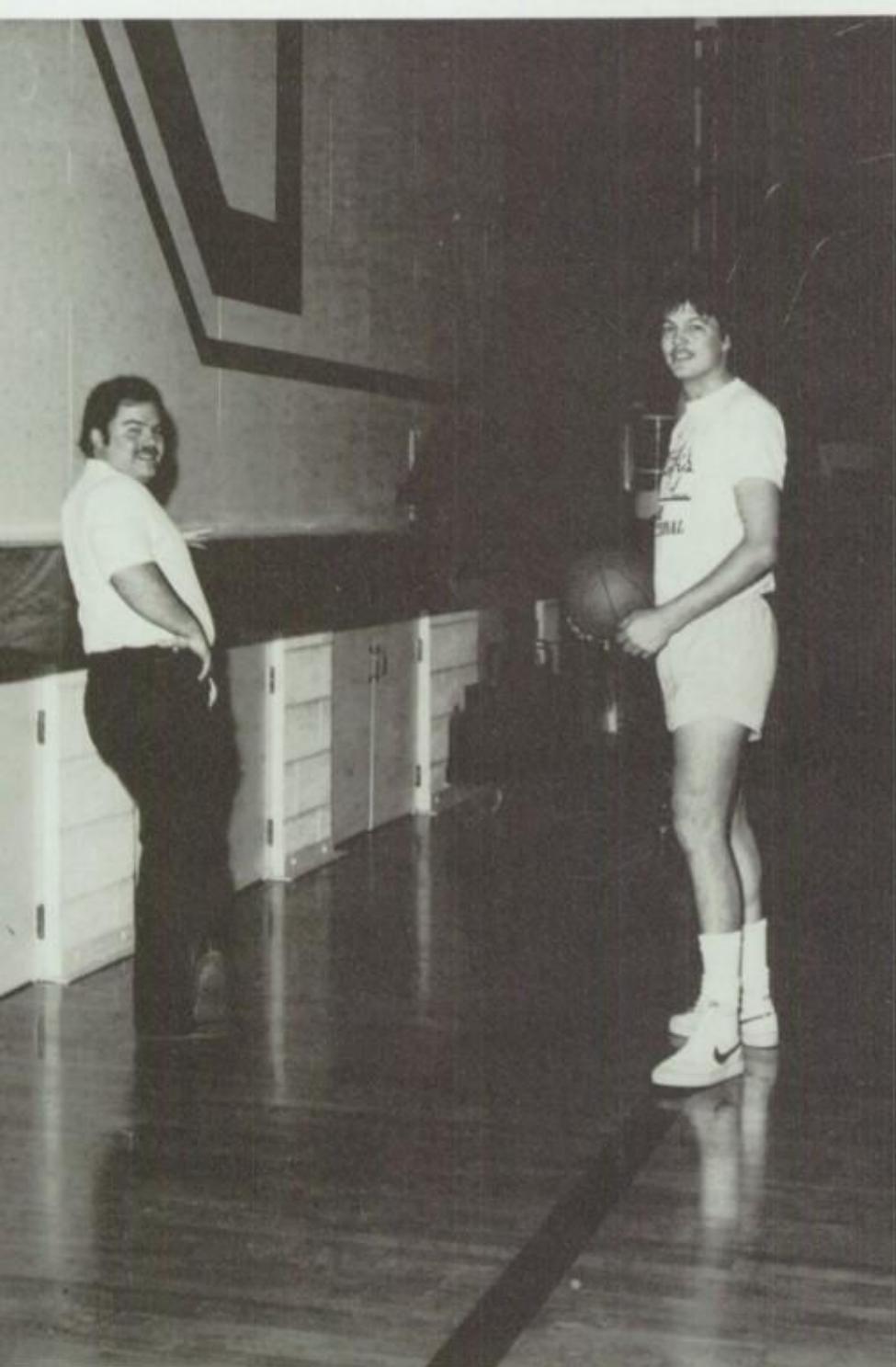
Tim Eubanks and Terry Christianson take a break to watch their teammates battle it out with the awesome teachers' team.





Leading scorers in intramurals are Bobby King, Phil Baumgartner, Keith Wheeler and Mr. Oxenrider. Not pictured is highest scorer Brett Smith.

Kevin Taylor swishes the first free throw of his two shot opportunity.



Intramural captains are George Moore, Don Rhoades, Chuck Gooley, Dave Uptgraft and Nathan Chandler.

Mr. George Moore and Mr. Jim Grant discuss secret strategies to employ against their unfortunate student opponents.

Tiger Gymnasts Take A Tumble

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

	We	They
New Haven	63.25	177.75
Manchester	77.2	76.8
Harding	63.25	129.75
Elmhurst	60	170.25
Blackford	31.7	170.6
Dwenger	63.25	124.9
Norwell	61.3	157.3
Woodlan	61.7	105.65
Southern Wells	95.95	131.45
Ft. Wayne South	92.05	163

Season Record: 1-10

The 1981-82 gymnastics team was under the direction of second year coach Linda Jaskie. The team was composed of one senior and a strong group of underclassmen.

Senior Becky Krebs provided the leadership that was needed by the young team. Krebs broke records at the optional level in uneven bars and in floor exercise, while tying the record for that level in the balance beam.

Another broken record

for the Tiger gymnasts was achieved by Freshman Daphne Steury. Her record breaking performance was at the intermediate level on the balance beam. Steury also tied the intermediate floor exercise record.

With a young team, an unsuccessful year as far as numbers was inevitable. Even with a disappointing season record of 1-10, the year was very successful in building character and friendship among the team members.



The gymnastics squad includes **FRONT ROW:** Pam Shedd, Penny Croy, Gina Cully, Lori Sallach, Lora Mechling, Deanea Hall, Margie Moon and Stacey Speheger. **BACK ROW:** Coach Linda Jaskie, Cheryl Surfus, Becky Krebs, Heather Jackson, Becky Masterson, Lisa Blair and Manager Teresa Moore.

Balancing on a four inch beam, Lori Sallach prepares to do a difficult maneuver which helped her to receive a score of 6.0.



With sixteen varsity sports, nine clubs, and two major productions offered per year, students found it difficult to give their full attention to one event. Penny Croy plans her balance beam routine in the auditorium during rehearsals for "The Good Doctor."



Senior Becky Krebs shows that a fine performance would not be complete without a little something special for the scorekeeper.



After completing her intermediate floor routine, Freshman Becky Masterson is awarded a score of 5.8 for her efforts.



Freshman Cheryl Surfus glides through the uneven bars to place first against Southern Wells.



With deep concentration, Lora Mechling gracefully balances herself during her beam routine.

Two Tigers To State

Beginning a fresh year with twenty five members, nine seniors, and new coach Dan Smith, the squad took on many new faces which helped build depth in various events.

The year was short with the loss of a couple of meets to a snow storm and another from lack of communication between schools.

Two outstanding members of the 1981-82 team qualified for the state competition. Dan Brink remained undefeated through the regional competition.

Strain becomes evident in the face of Senior Randy Brinneman as he comes into the straight-a-way to finish the 400 meter dash at conference.

Brink shattered the old discus record with a toss of 164' 10". Teammate Brett Smith demolished the old record of 2.00 in the 800 meter run to place fourth at regional competition with a time of 1.56.2. State finals could not be recorded due to publication deadlines.

Three more new records were placed on file; Bill Record in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.1, the 400 meter relay team consisting of Kent Powell, Bill Record, Randy Brinneman, and Smith turning a time of 45

seconds flat, and Andy S... vely tied the 110 meter hi... hurdles with a time of 15... seconds in the regional co... petition at Wayne Hi... School.

Bluffton boasted two co...ference champs with Bri... winning the discus, an... Smith taking honors in the 800 meter run.

The year was marked with good times, successful competition, and hopeful new faces that hold the key to future Bluffton track competitiveness.



BOYS' VARSITY TRACK

	We	They
Bellmont	61	64
Southern Wells	84	43
Adams Central	84	43
New Haven	50	77
Muncie Relays	6 of 7	
Blackford Inv.	3 of 9	
South Adams	68½	30½
Adams Central		60
East Noble	62	70
NEIAC		4 of 10
Sectional	6th	
Regional	11th	
Season Record:	17-13	



Senior Andy Shively flies through the air barely skimming the bar at 5'10" for a first place.

Exploding from the blocks, Senior Kent Powell leads the 400 relay team to a victory.



Setting a new conference record of 1:58 Senior Brett Smith becomes the 800 meter champion in the rainy conference meet.

Senior Sensation Dan Brink uncorks a throw which establishes him as a conference champion.



The 1981-82 track squad consists of **FRONT ROW**: Todd Burke, Randy Brinneman, Stuart Ault, Bill Record, Kent Powell, Brett Smith, Dan Brink, Chris Newell, Andy Shively and Blake Steury. **SECOND ROW**: Coach Dan Smith, Blake Poindexter, Joel Christian, Phil Moser, Tim Prough, Mark Magley, Brian Curry, Jim Hiester, and Coaches Doug Sundling and Dan York. **BACK ROW**: Mark Beals, Curt Newman, Brian Falk, Steve Fether, Fred Ilnicki, Randy Newman, Tim Hickey, Wesley Boggs and Mgr. John Hiester.

Tammy McCarty and Brenda Emshwiller show their best form against two runners from Norwell.

Anchoring both the 400 and 800 relay teams, Junior Rea Masterson shows her speed by breaking the tape for the 800 relay.

The Sectional qualifiers are **FRONT ROW:** Tammy McCarty, Lacey Knowles, Angie Steele and Carla Corle. **BACK ROW:** Brenda Emshwiller, Kim Brown, Candy Zoll, Julia Worthington and Kelly Brickley.



The Girls' Track Team for the 1982 season consisted of **FRONT ROW:** Candy Zoll, Teresa Taylor, Lynn Squier, Julia Worthington, Julie Hacha, Angie Steele, Brenda Emshwiller, Carla Corle, Rea Masterson and Sanja Shane. **SECOND ROW:** Coach Susan Poulson, Tammy McCarty, Kim Brown, Carla Strong, Jene Pond, Andrea Miller, Kris Morris, Regan Kreigh, Wendy Sallach and assistant coach Diane Wright. **BACK ROW:** Mgrs. Lisa Shannon and Thea Barnes, Lacey Knowles, Kim Miller, Kelly Brickley, Julie Gilbert, Cheryl Surfus, Cindy Szott, Jill Harshman, and Deb Barnell, mgr.





Junior Candy Zoll warms up in the circle for a BHS record breaking performance in Sectional action.

Senior Julie Hacha breaks away from the starting blocks to lead the 400 relay team to a victory.



Young Trackers Blend Well With Experienced Veterans

The 1982 Girls' Track Team, under the direction of Coach Susan Poulson and assistant Diane Wright, ended their regular season with a record of 3 wins and 6 losses. In Conference action, the Lady Tigers ran to a tie for sixth with strong performances by both the distance runners and the field event people. At the sectional, the Tigers scored in every event they entered to finish high in the standings at a tie for fifth.

The sectional finish was accomplished by nine individuals: the distance duo of Brenda Emshwiller and Tammy McCarty, weight people Angie Steele and Candy Zoll, high jumpers Julia

Worthington and Lacey Knowles, and the 1600-meter relay team of Kim Brown, Carla Corle, Emshwiller, McCarty, and alternate Kelly Brickley.

After the events were completed at the sectional, the Tigers had three regional qualifiers and two new records. Qualifying for the regional were McCarty in the 800-meter run and the 1600-meter run, Emshwiller in the 1600 meter run, and Knowles in the high jump. Records set during the sectional were by Zoll in the shot put and Steele in the discus.

In the regional meet, the Tigers came up against some stiff compe-

tition. The only Tiger placing was freshman standout, Tammy McCarty. She just missed going to the state meet with a place of fifth in the 1600. McCarty was one of few runners that doubled in the distance races. As a result of doubling, McCarty was unable to place in the 800. Emshwiller ended her career with a fine showing in the 1600 as Knowles just started her career in the high jump.

With the completion of the regional meet came the end of the Tiger's season. But, by the strong showing of underclassmen, the seasons in the future show promise of further advancement.

GIRLS' TRACK

	We	They
Norwell	36	69
Southern Wells	84	21
Carroll	37	68
South Adams	70	35
Adams Central	35	70
New Haven	36	69
Huntington North	28	77
Huntington Catholic	83	22
East Noble	50	55
NEIAC	Tied for 6th	
SECTIONAL	Tied for 5th	
Season Record: 3-6		

Different Strokes

Coach Jim Brown had his work cut out for him this year as he coached both the girls' and boys' golf team.

The girls' team had an unsuccessful season as they ended with a 1-8 record. The only win came against Fort Wayne Snider.

Despite the team's record, number one golfer Sara Longenberger salvaged a winning record of 5-3 and an average of 48.6. Junior Lisa Blair followed with a 60.7 and Kim Brown finished with a 62.7.

Receiving major awards were Longenberger, Brown, Blair, Peggy Lautzenheiser and Leah Huvendick.

The gentlemen golfers got off to a slow start due to a tough schedule. The

team lost the first five matches but three of those opponents were state-ranked teams. The experience payed off as the team finished with a 5-7 record, and continued lowering the team scores throughout the season.

Number one golfer Dave Jaskie averaged 42.5 and tied for fourth place in the Bi-County. Jaskie just missed a chance to go to Regional with an 84 score in Sectional. Freshman Rich Brown had the second best average with a 42.7.

Major awards went to Jaskie, Mike Parsons, Brian Huffman, Dan Williams, Rodney Bucher and Brown.

All home matches were played at the Parlor City course.

GIRLS' GOLF

	We	They
Northrop	306	232
Leo	241	221
East Noble	266	225
Huntington North	235	181
Homestead	272	231
Snider	256	260
Jay County	241	218
Columbia City	236	224
Manchester	247	197
Sectional	10th	
Season Record:	1-8	

Junior Lisa Blair practices her swing on the school lawn before leaving for an away match.



Number one golfer Sara Longenberger receives her fourth "Major B" award from Coach Brown.

The girls' 1981-82 golf team consists of **FRONT ROW:** Peggy Lautzenheiser and Sara Longenberger. **SECOND ROW:** Kim Brown, Lisa Blair, Leah Huvendick and Camille Brewer.





Number one golfer Dave Jaskie lines up the ball in a par attempt at Parlor City.

BOYS' VARSITY GOLF

	We	They
Adams Central	170	186
Norwell	186	160
Huntington North	181	154
Blackford	193	189
Marion		166
Jay County	176	170
Heritage	178	168
Bellmont	188	177
Hunt. Catholic	165	180
Bi-County	2nd of 6	
Eastbrook	175	184
Southern Wells	159	161
NEIAC	6th of 10	
South Adams	173	173
Sectional		7th of 16
Season Record:	5-7	



Members of the boys' golf team are **FRONT ROW:** Mark Biddle, Brian Huffman, John Mackall, Drake Moser and John Emshwiller. **BACK ROW:** Mike Parsons, Dave Jaskie, Rich Brown, Rodney Bucher and Dan Williams.

Junior Mark Biddle shows his putting form during tough competition at sectional.

BOYS' VARSITY BASEBALL

	We	They
Fort Wayne Snider	2	4
Blackford	0	6
DeKalb	8	12
Bishop Luers	0	5
New Haven	3	7
Huntington North	4	5
Huntington North	2	4
Angola	4	5
Marion Bennett	17	13
East Noble	3	7
Woodlan	11	1
Woodlan	4	3
Eastbrook	1	14
Bellmont	5	6
Homestead	4	15
Heritage	1	2
Heritage	3	4
South Adams	0	10
Norwell	5	0
Garrett	9	12
Columbia City	3	2
Southern Wells	12	9
Jay County	2	3
Sectional		
Union City	0	4
Season Record:	6-17	

Tigers Claimed County Champs

The Bluffton Tiger Baseball Team started slowly by losing their first 8 games, but came on strong towards the end to finish the season at a respectable 6-17.

Leading the Tigers in the pitching area was Senior Chris Corle with a record of 4 wins and 3 losses. Along with his winning record, Corle also obtained an E.R.A. of 1.37.

Defensively for the Tigers, Coach Ballinger spoke

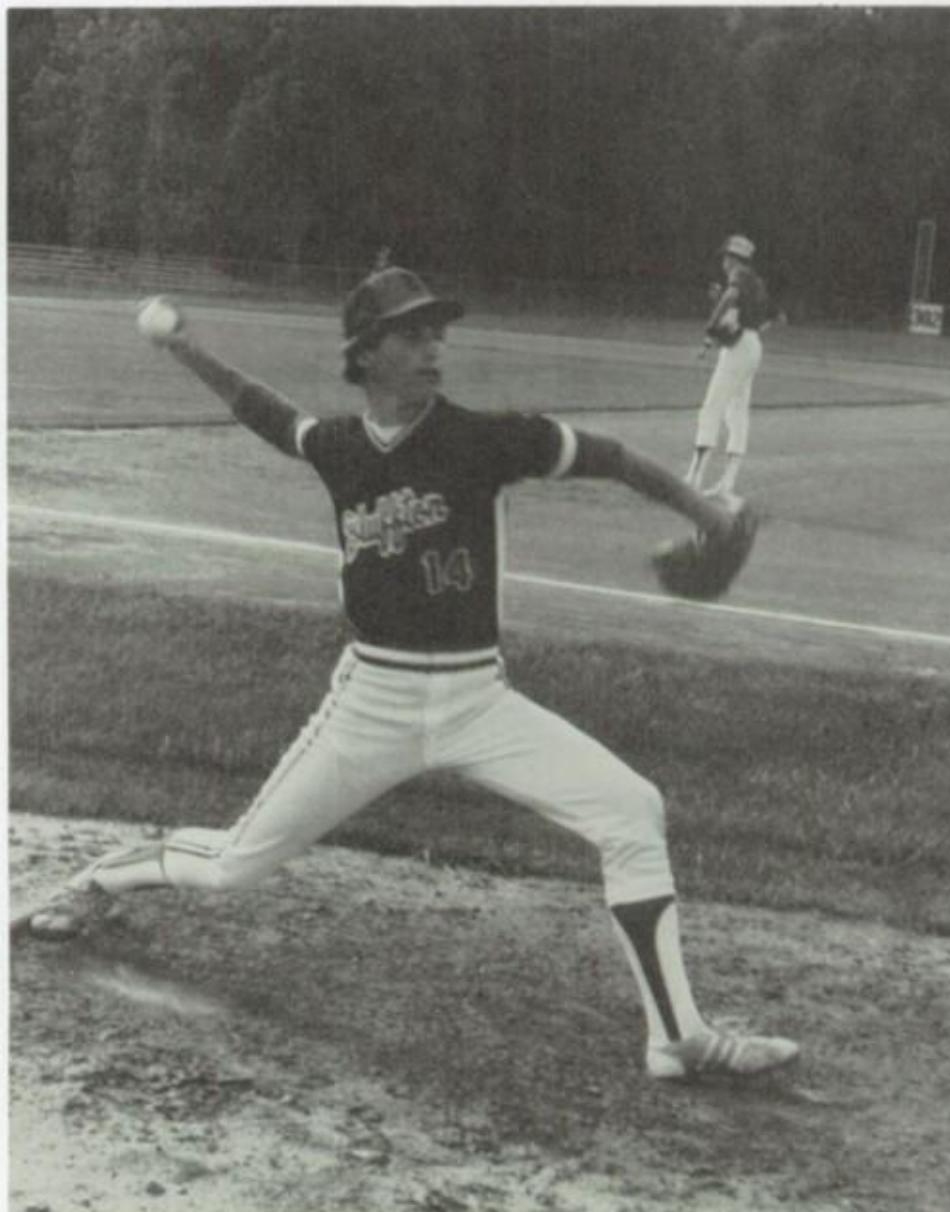
John Phillabaum pulls in a throw from second baseman Roy Stinson to end the inning against Union City.

highly of Junior Mike Deam. From his short stop position, Deam made many spectacular plays to help his team to victory. Offensively for the Tigers, Sophomore Kevin Gerber proved to be the bright spot in the Tigers lineup. He swung his bat at a clip of .319 to lead the team.

Seniors who finished their high school careers were Co-Captains Brett Garrett and Rick Mettler, Jeff Hoffer, Roy Stinson, Jim Carr, Bobby King and Chris Corle.



Senior Chris Corle, the Tigers leading pitcher, warms up on the sidelines before sectional.



Senior Rick Mettler keeps an eye on the action in the field as he prepares for his turn at bat.

Due to the snow storms in April, the baseball team was forced to practice baserunning inside.



At first base, John Phillabaum gives his team some warmup grounders before action begins at the jr. high.



The reserve baseball team consists of **FRONT ROW**: Mark Mettler, Tim Williams, Rex Morgan, Peter Hazelton, Scott Longenberger, Tom Vandentop and Greg Hacha. **BACK ROW**: Coach Jerry Fleuckiger, Jim Royal, Doug Betz, Kevin Walburn, Jeff Thompson and Mike Blair.



The varsity baseball team consists of **FRONT ROW**: Coach Ken Ballinger, Rick Mettler, Brett Garrett, Jeff Hoffer, Roy Stinson, Lonnie Squier and Coach Jerry Fleuckiger. **SECOND ROW**: Mike Deam, Dave Surfus, Bobby King, John Phillabaum, Keith Wheeler, Kevin Gerber and Chris Corle. **BACK ROW**: Tom Vandentop, Jim Carr, Peter Hazelton, Mike Blair and Jeff Thompson.

Early Wins Break Record

The 1982 Girls' Tennis Team started their season with a new look. First-year tennis coach Ron DeWitt guided his team to a victory in their first four matches before tailing off to end up with a regular season record of 5-8. Playing a major role in obtaining that record were varsity members No. 1 singles player Erin Pitts, No. 2 Sara Longenberger, and No. 3 Heather Pitts. The varsity doubles consisted of No. 1 Lisa Blair and Shari Stauffer, and No. 2 doubles Julie Seese and Ingrid Gatke.

As the season came to a close, the Tigers were beaten in Sectional action by a strong Columbia City team, 2-3. Winning for the Tigers were No. 2 singles Longenberger, and No. 3 singles Heather Pitts. This loss was doubled due to a rain-out of an earlier match. The match was replayed because the Eagles are in the same conference as Bluffton. With that loss, the Tigers overall conference record was lowered to 3-5.

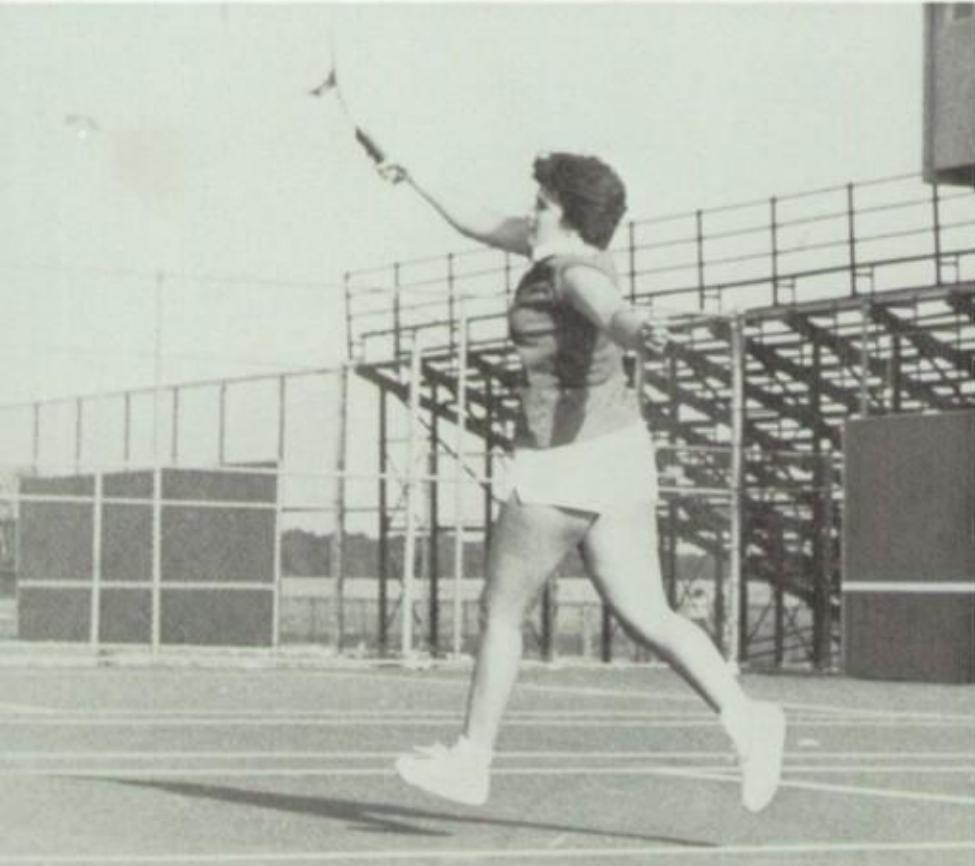
Finishing the season with the best records were Longenberger and Heather Pitts. They both ended the year at 7-6. Right behind them was Erin Pitts, who finished at 6-7.

The five wins that the team posted gave the tennis team its best record in BHS history.



The Girls' Tennis Team consists of **FRONT ROW:** Mary Steffen, Lori Umphrey, Marlayne Hirzel and Beth Meyer. **SECOND ROW:** Tina Rhoades, Ingrid Gatke, Tanya Isch, Lisa Garrett, Chris Lutz, Erin Pitts and Sara Longenberger. **BACK ROW:** Vicki Christianson, Shelley Meyer, Lana Oman, Julie Seese, Lisa Blair, Shari Stauffer, Angela Grusd and Heather Pitts.

Ingrid Gatke completes a lob during the Tigers' second meeting with the county rival Norwell Knights.



Chris Lutz finishes her follow-through and approaches the net in a move that scored an important point.

With one final stretch, Lisa Blair reaches the ball to complete an overhead smash that pleased her partner.

In reserve play, Freshman Beth Meyer plays it safe at the baseline against her Norwell opponent.

After finishing their matches, Marlayne Hirzel, Vicki Christianson and Julie Seese relax to watch their teammates compete against Norwell for the second time in the season.



No. 1 player Erin Pitts is honored at the athletic banquet along with teammates Ingrid Gatke and Julie Seese.

GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS

	We	They
<i>South Adams</i>	3	2
<i>Jay County</i>	6	1
<i>DeKalb</i>	3	2
<i>Adams Central</i>	6	1
<i>New Haven</i>	1	4
<i>Angola</i>	2	3
<i>East Noble</i>	2	3
<i>Bellmont</i>	3	2
<i>Norwell</i>	2	3
<i>Norwell</i>	2	3
<i>Columbia City</i>	2	3
<i>Hunt. North</i>	2	3
<i>Homestead</i>	0	5
<i>Sectional</i>		
<i>Columbia City</i>	2	3
<i>Season Record: 5-8</i>		



The most recent addition to Bluffton's overnight establishments is the Bluffton Motor Inn built in 1980 and located on North Main Street. Different from the Bliss, the Motor Inn boasts waterbeds and a game room.

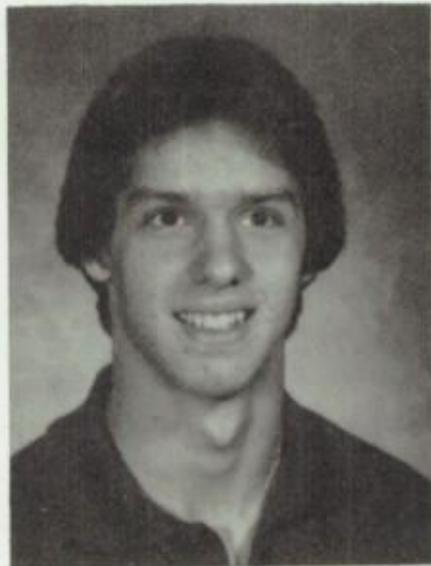
Known to most in the area in its day, the New Bliss Hotel was a popular place to stay while visiting Bluffton. The sixty-six-room hotel contained eight businesses including a floral shop and jewelry store. Owned and operated by Cletus Geels, it was located at the current site of Garrett's Marathon.



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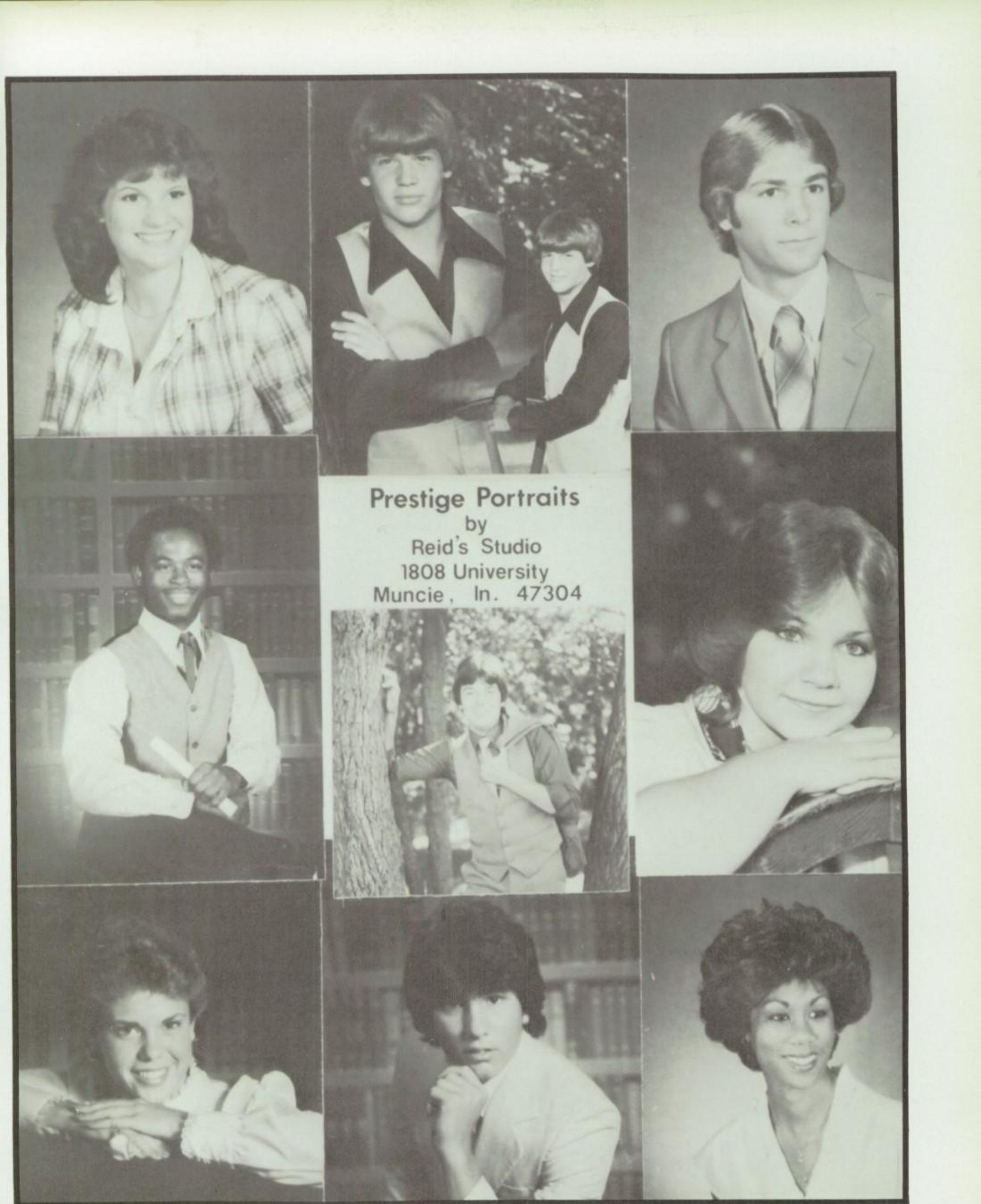
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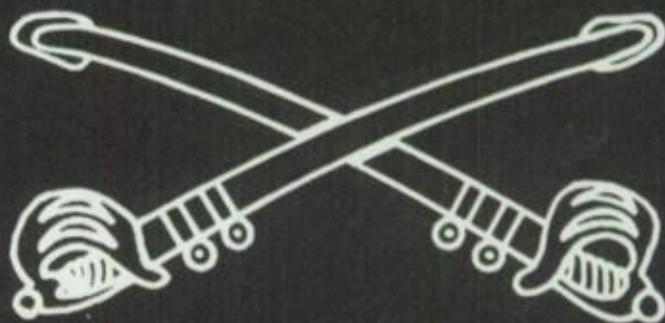
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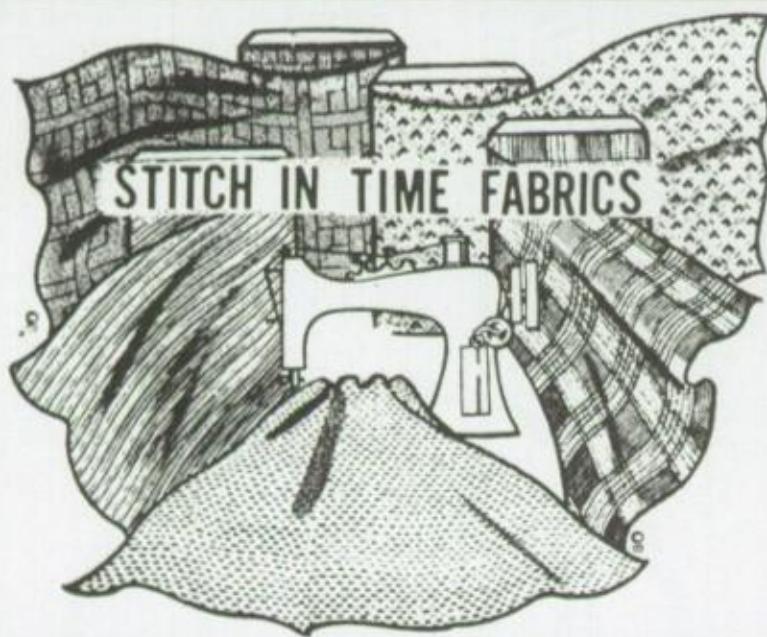
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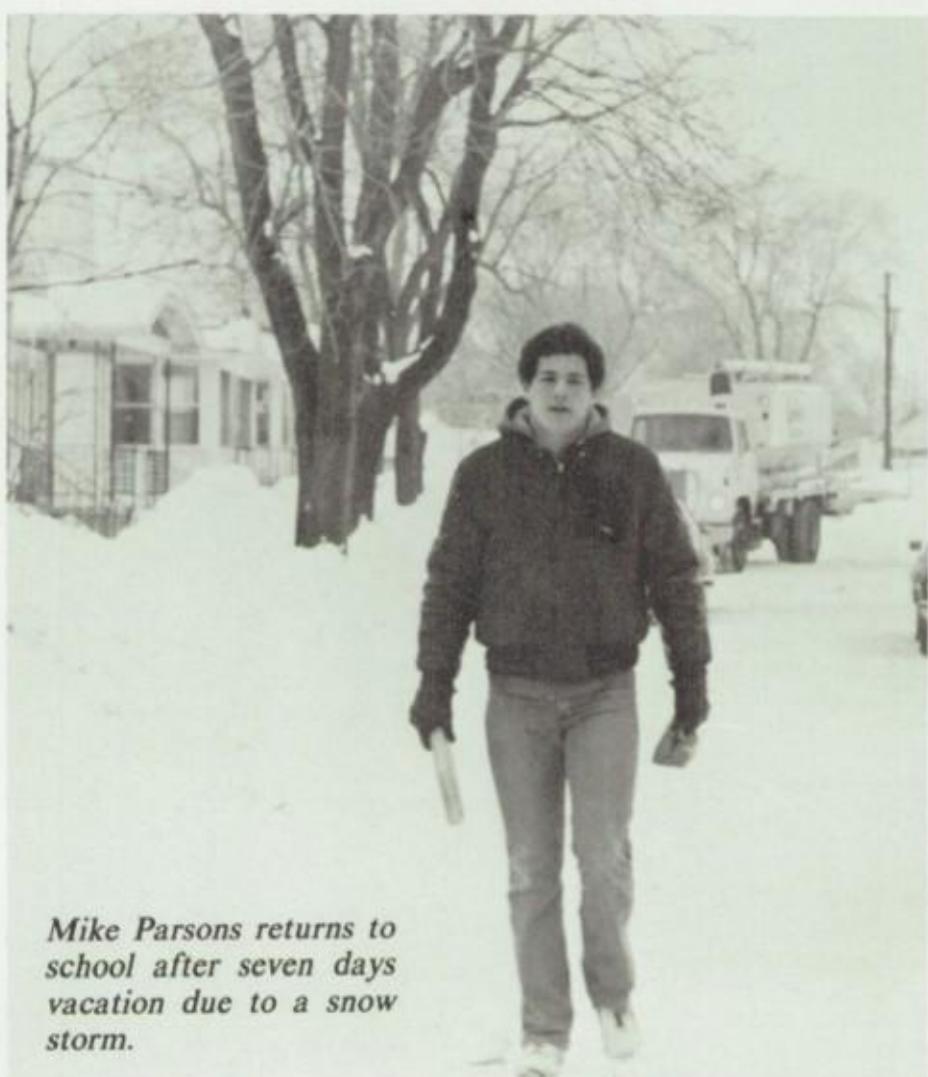
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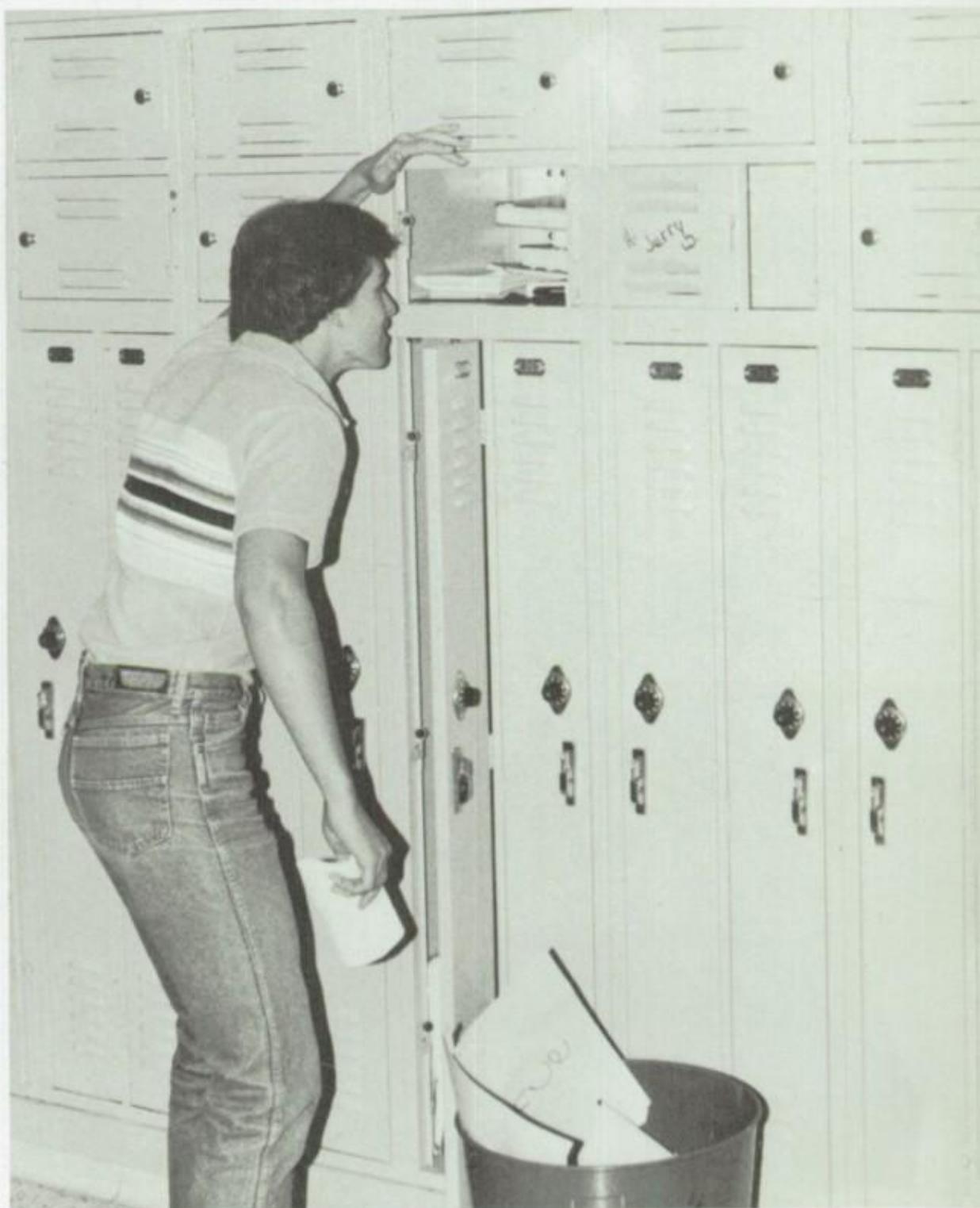
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Sophomore boys turned waiters add elegance to the prom banquet.



The final weeks of school brought on frustrations for members of the Intensive Office Lab and a walkout resulted. Management and labor worked through a mediator and resolved the dispute within twenty-four hours. Expressing their grievances on signs are Shelly Oliver, Alice Sills, JoEllen Swartz, Tammy Thompson and Jodi Grove.

Organizations provided the manpower for concession stand operation and divided the profit. John Struver willingly donates his time to man the popcorn machine at Park Stadium.



Best Of Times



Many friendships developed during play preparations. Breaking from "Once Upon a Mattress" are Brett Smith, Tammy McCarty, Regan Kreigh, Brett Garrett, Tracy Cross, Natalie Hay, Chris Newell, and Dawn Gatke.



Senior Nancy Noonan fails in her attempts to reveal the true gender of "Neut".

The waste basket proves helpful to Senior Roy Stinson as he searches for his journal to be turned in for Studebaker's English class.



Drum Major Cathie Lohmuller offers some extra height to Rick Mettler before the Bengal Brigade marches onto Park Field and hosts the "On the Banks of the Wabash" band competition.

The Publications Class dons a century of changing fashion to commemorate the 100 graduating classes at BHS. Mike Hinesley and Mary Steffen represent the roaring '20's; Jill Engle and Rea Masterson, the '40's; Susanna McCord, John Struver and Shari Stauffer, 1910-1919; and Randy Meyer, the '70's. Julie Hacha and Courtney Pfister represent the '50's; Brenda Emshwiller and Chris Newell, 1890-1899; and John Hiester and Angie Steele, 1900-1909. Georgie Collier, Sanja Shane and Nancy Noonan represent the '80's; Tanya Isch and Randy Brinneman, the '30's; Miss Wright, the school marm; and Lynn Squier and Trent Reimschisel; the '60's.

Though some publication enthusiasm lessened from this autumn photograph, the same joy was felt when the final pages were mailed.

Class day is traditionally not as formal as commencement and senior publications members express this informality in one final gathering.



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Yearbook Tempo Upped By Staff



The twelve months recorded in this book meant many different things to everyone. Some entered fearful to begin, others, anxious to get it over with. Whatever the case, it was an important year and a year worth remembering. In order to help you, the *Retrospect* staff brought a new look to the yearbook.

We hope that when you opened the pages of this book, you re-entered 1982 and if for only a moment, you recaptured the feeling of this year.

Many thanks are owed to our supporters who helped us bring this book together. If something needed fixed, Harry Lantz provided the service. If it was an old picture or school history, Fred Park was there. We also thank Marilyn Gerber for keeping track of our tight budget, Mr. Kracium for being neighborly to his sometimes unneighborly friends next door, Mrs. Goodspeed for use of lab equipment, and the News Banner, especially Joe Smekens who provided pictures that our staff photographers were unable to obtain. The list continues.

But most of all, thanks to our advisor, Diane Wright, who did so much more than advise. She served on virtually every staff, cheered us on, and put in continual eight-hour evenings of yearbook work.

It was a special year, a year worth remembering. Thanks to everyone who helped us record it.

Michael L. Jonesley
Editor

The yearbook and newspaper staffs join for a group photo at the Junior-Senior Prom. This was one of only a few free nights for some staff members and advisor during the spring deadline weeks.

To my sweet love
daughter who I love
very much. Look ahead
not back to your
brighter future you'll see
I will be
I remember that.
"Jeffery Allen" his
I gave you "Morn"



Being alone in the hall is a rare occurrence but if anyone could manage it, it would be Dawn Gatke and Chris Newell.

Lisa

lisa,
Is a real ~~funny~~^{cool}
bitch who really
knows how to party!
Remember: Lisa it's
12:30 - so! You
better knock off
that shit! Even
though that is
expected when
you mix kool-aid
with Jack. It's
etter with Peach
Brandy! Much better!!

Man I hope you and
Jeff stay together
ause I know me
and Vernon will!

We're gonna have
a party again real

soon. Next time
maybe Vernon won't
have to piss! Oh
god!!

god! Good Luck
in the Future.

Friends to the
End. }

and
Terri Sutton

Remember the time we went out with Kent & Tina and we were sitting out at Poplar Grove school and then we went to my house and your Dad caught us in my room. That was pretty crazy. I hope you have a good school year, and I will always remember us together we had a real good time. What ever you do and where ever you go stay out of trouble. "Just kidding."

Brian Oliver
(45)

Let's do it!
Going out
with ya,
Suey,
wid crazy
me,

To a good friend
who hope to get
to know better.

Friends always
Christenberger

Tina,
It must be
awful to
have to
leave business
with me.
I hope we can
be friends.

Shelly Meyer '84
Love ya,
Shelly

Dina,
We're not as close as we
used to be. I still love
you. Remember all the
great times!

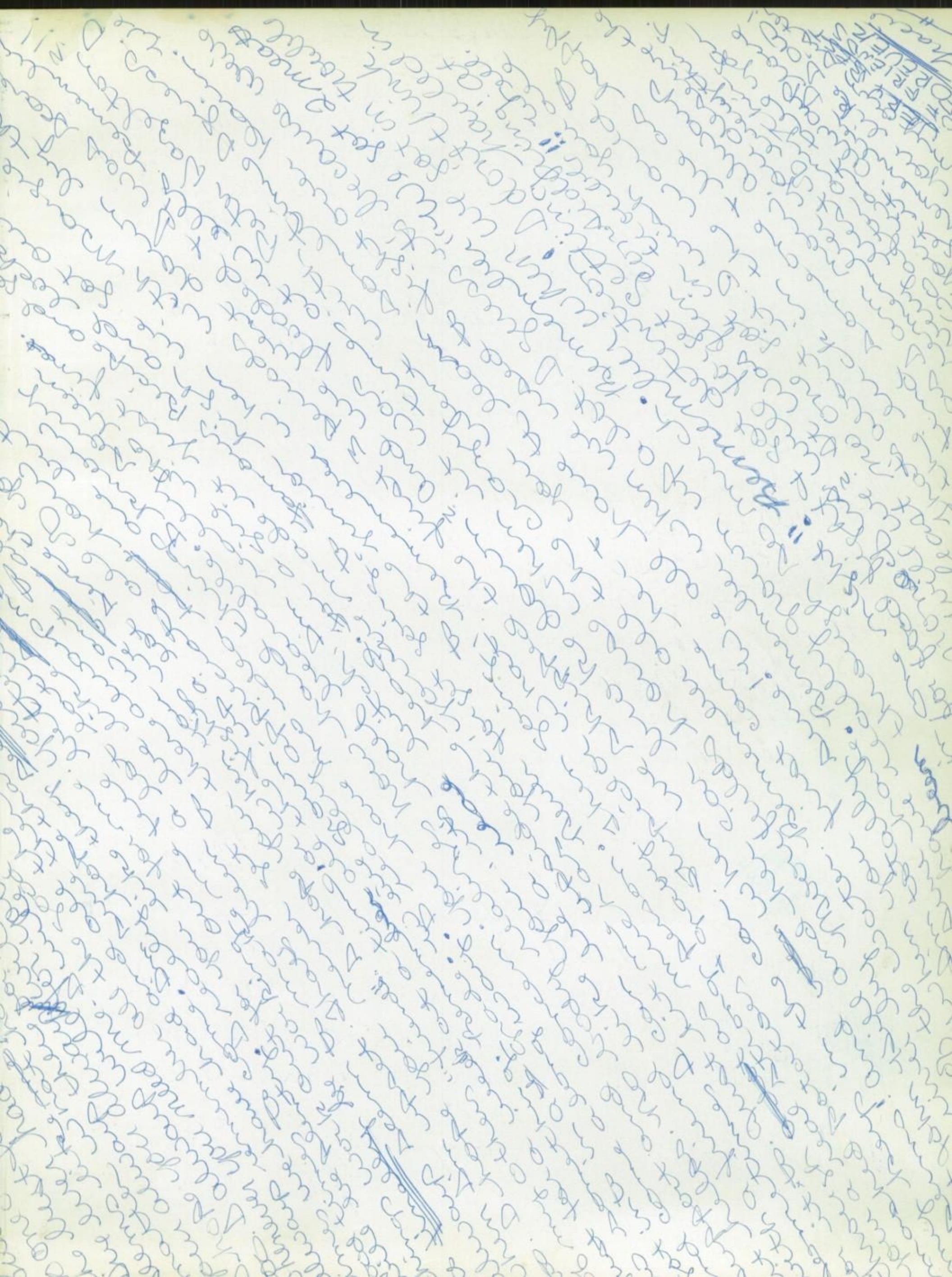
To a really sweet
girl I just met I
hope we can become
better friends in the
future. Good luck in
everything you do. &
Good luck with Tracy.
Frenz Alvarez,
"85" Vonzant
I hope

you're
a real
person.
I hope
you're
doing ok
I hope
you
know and will
go away or another
set of friends.
Bye

Mike Sash



To a really sweet girl
keep cool and ~~be~~ good
love
Junior



Lisa,
I've always
wanted to look like
you because I think just
you're so pretty's nice. Just
you'll always stay that way!
F
Sj

Well it looks like I'm here again
signing your year book. But this time
Malague I'm going with ya and its great. I
hope we will always remember the
years 82-83. Its been great so far.
And I want to tell you something
Lisa. I love you! and I always will
no matter what. I am totally serious.
You are the #1 girl in my life now.

And I hope me and you can look back on these years
and laugh our ass off. As much fun as we have had.
It has been super with you, and I know its going
to last for a long long time. I can feel it. I hope
this year when I get out of school for good. We can
go to Florida or California. Maybe nowhere if I can't
find a job. I would say we have both been through
some rough times and we have both helped each
other through. I think that is what really built our
relationship stronger and stronger. My life has really
changed sense you came along and its for the better.
We have got a good future to look ahead to. And lets
go for it. All the way. Non stop. I am glad we
have got this close. We almost broke up once.
but kept trying. And we did succeed. And I do not
regret it for a moment. Because I love you so much

I do know
I don't know
you very well
but I hope I get
whatever you
do! whatever forget
safety per 2 (BSC joke)
& safety per 2 (BSC joke)
Cherry turp
Now! I really feels great. Now you
can't say I didn't write that much in
your year book. Because I even
sign it 2 times. I want you
to always remember Lisa
I Love you! and anything
you need me I'll
be there!

I feel we've become
pretty good friends
over the past couple
of years. We've
had some pretty
fun times together.

Remember when
D spent the night
with you and we
ate your birthday
cake. Or the time
we were standing
up town talking to
Darin when you
really liked him. ▷
D knew you been
through some tough
times but you tough
and you've got a had
support from your friends
try and stay away from T.T.
you deserve better.

Well I hope everything works out the way you want it to. Good luck with everything.

Nov 4th Friends
Shenandoah, always

To a great think who
one doesn't talk very much
maybe will become
better friends some
time day.

"MC"
from
Alice

To a
real nice
person
luck with English
Oh
good
with us
I'm, dear, such
"I HOPE"

To a real nice girl
good luck with
future
J.W. Williams
"84"

To a
real nice
looking and
crazy girl. And
I hope we will get
more and more into
the future, I hope,
you and I hope
the same hope you a what
you think
about me.
Bad but
I hope
Always
Alice

or the time
you had to climb
in your window
during Street Fair
Ha! that
Ha. was
funny

To: Jessa,
Cute & very sweet,
Stay and innocent,
Will be sweet & innocent,
Keep just out of trouble.
"84" out of trouble & well
done out of trouble there.
Q-5: Friend always
remember caring. To Brian
Q-6: (G) 5th year

